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# MINERS GO ON 3-DAY WEEK

## Action Set in Fight on Truman, Boss Gangup

The United Mine Workers, after a complete standstill of production, yesterday directed its 400,000 members in the bituminous and anthracite fields to work only the first three days of each week starting next Monday. At the same time, the union authorized its officers and district heads to negotiate a contract with any willing employer or group of employers. In those cases, full production would be permitted.

The action in the form of a resolution adopted by the union's 200-man national policy committee meeting in Roosevelt Hotel was made public by John L. Lewis. Throughout the coal field, meanwhile, there was a complete standstill as miners quit work before or at the midnight deadline hour.

The strike was 100 percent effective despite a nationwide barrage of newspaper moaning over the likely state of mind among the miners because of no work or pay before Christmas.

Reports from every section of the country described the miners as prepared for a long strike if need be. They had no advance knowledge of the three-day order.

The resumption by the union of the three-day week tactic begun last July, indicated continuance of its strategy of whittling down the amount of coal on top before taking on the operators in a showdown struggle.

The coal pile was estimated at about thirty million tons, already near the critical level. The three-day output

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## Woods Refuses to Quit Fight for NY Landlords

Federal Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods has refused to withdraw from the landlords' side in a court battle against the city's local rent law, the New York Tenant Council disclosed yesterday. Woods' refusal was made during a conference on Wednesday in Washington with Isidore Blumberg, executive secretary of the New York tenant group, and Victor Ludwig, of the Chicago Tenant Action Council. Also present were Woods' top aides and John Pendergast, New York Regional Expediter. It is believed to be the first Washington conference in recent years with tenant representation from the nation's two largest cities.

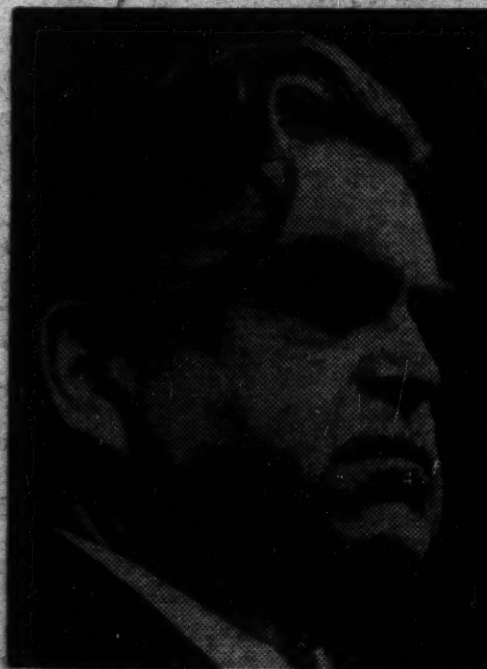
Blumberg sharply protested Woods' intervention on the side of the landlord. He said it was a disservice to tenants as well as a severe blow to effective rent control. He pointed out that this intervention was illegal. Woods, however, refused to alter his position in the case now pending before the Federal Court.

Blumberg also asked that the federal expediter request a six to eight million dollars deficiency appropriation for the Office of Housing Expediter until the end of the fiscal year, July, 1950. Woods maintained that he would not ask for \$3,500,000. The tenant leader disclosed that he would go before the House Banking and Finance Com-

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WOODS



LEWIS

## Rally for Peace at Garden Monday

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# The Strange Story Of Medina's First Half Million

## 3. The CLINGING COUNSEL

The first two installments told how Harold Medina became the attorney for the disinherited daughter of George Marcus Chapman, a Nineteenth Century fur merchant who died leaving a million dollars in New York real estate.

All through the early and mid 1920's young Harold R. Medina was fighting to get his grip on the big Chapman real estate fortune and to cash in on his claims to a 50 percent cut of his first million-dollar case.

A New York Supreme Court justice had ruled in 1922 that his 80-year-old client, Mrs. Louise Ellis, was the sole heir to the million dollar properties left by her father, George Marcus Chapman.

But appeals against the Court's decision were continuing for years.

And — more dangerous to Medina's prospects — his client was trying to get rid of him.

Mrs. Ellis, in fact, asked the Courts on four separate occasions to let her dismiss Medina and to reject his claim to a 50 percent fee.

The frail little woman told the Courts again and again that she had "lost all confidence" in the man who had pressured her so strongly to surrender all her rights to the million dollar family riches for a mere \$7,500.

That was less than 1 percent of her father's estate.

The \$7,500 deal had been worked out by Medina in conference with the bank that was representing rival heirs and was opposing his client. The bank was the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., a powerful financial institution.

Medina had urged her to accept the bank's \$7,500 proposal at a time when she was in acute financial distress. She was living on borrowed money and wearing a single black dress, while she was giving her all to the fight.

In the midst of her worries as to how she was to keep going, she received Medina's letter telling her that the \$7,500 offer was "most desirable and satisfactory."

The letter from her counsel was dated April 28, 1921. It went on to say that the \$7,500 "will provide you with immediate funds of which you are in great need." And it warned her that she had better accept the offer because the "strain" of the court battle "will probably cost you your life."

Mrs. Ellis kept denouncing Medina for his petty cash offer for the rest of her life.

### A BITTER FIGHT

The fight between the future jurist — then a robust man in his early thirties — and the wispy old woman became bitter at once.

In an effort to silence his angry client, who was spreading the story, Medina wrote a letter to her on May 10, 1921, hinting that he would take court action against her if she made any "insinuations" that he had indulged in "unprofessional conduct."

"... It is time that you be held strictly accountable for any damage that you cause to our reputation," he wrote.

Mrs. Ellis wasn't silenced. But Medina didn't soften, either. She was "thrown out" of his office on another occasion that same year, she said later under oath in a court proceedings to have him removed.

The distressed old woman made an immediate effort to get rid of Medina after that incident. She hired two other lawyers. But Medina clung to the million dollar case with his eyes fixed on his expected 50 percent fee. And the other lawyers later dropped out of the case after billing her for a very heavy fee, which the estate eventually had to pay.

### CLIENT SUES

Mrs. Ellis and Medina were no longer on speaking terms when she started the first of four court actions to oust her clinging counsel in early 1924. She wanted the court to fix a reasonable fee

for Medina and to let her substitute other attorneys.

Whiffs of the fight between Medina and his aged client began getting out to reporters. The million dollar lawsuit was again a big news story in early 1924, for the Appellate Division had just sustained the earlier court decision in Mrs. Ellis's favor.

But the details of Medina's row with Mrs. Ellis were kept out of print. Medina knew how to handle the press. His junior partner, Eugene Sherpick, explained to reporters, who had talked with Mrs. Ellis, that she was an "old" lady, who "cannot at her age understand the delays of the law."

"... Very naturally," said Sherpick, "she pictures herself as fighting a losing war against the 'moneyed interests.'"

### OUSTER DENIED

And the determined old woman did lose her next battle — to oust the attorneys who had tried to get her to "settle" her case for less than 1 percent of her father's estate.

At the court hearing that followed on April 23, 1924, Supreme Court Referee R. J. Merrill ruled against her without paying the least attention to her main charge against Medina.

Medina himself didn't make the slightest attempt to defend his shocking \$7,500 proposal to the woman, who was legally entitled to inherit her father's \$1,000,000.

So far as I know he has never made any official defense of this less-than-1 percent offer.

Mrs. Ellis repeated her charges against Medina in a sharp affidavit on May 29 when she said:

"... Among other things that have caused me to lose confidence in Medina and Sherpick has been the fact that almost continuously since I have retained them they have asked me to settle this litigation for small amounts ranging from \$6,000 to \$12,000, and when I called at their office they used threats trying to make me accept these amounts, which I continually refused.

"My judgment in the matter has been justified, inasmuch as the case has been won ..."

Mrs. Ellis, however, had not yet gotten a cent.

### NOT A CENT

Mrs. Ellis was 83, but as determined as ever, when she appealed to the courts again in July, 1925, to let her dismiss Medina and Sherpick.

She had repeatedly discharged Medina and his aide in the previous several years, she continued ... but they wouldn't let go of the case.

Then she underscored her lack of confidence in Medina again.

"Dependent states," she said, "that during this entire period she has been unable ... to maintain in the attorney and the said firm of attorneys the confidence, trust and reliance which is essential to the relationship between attorney and client."

SUPREME COURT - NEW YORK COUNTY

LOUISE ELLIS,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ANNA MARIA KELSEY et al.,

Defendants.

STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

ss:

LOUISE ELLIS, being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am the plaintiff in the above entitled action.

with Medina & Sherpick were that I was to pay \$250 as a retainer and nothing further was said about what charge was to be made for their services. I understand now that this firm claims that they have a retainer dated about one year after I first retained them in which they claim that I have agreed to give them one-half of all monies and properties to which I am entitled. I know I never gave this firm this retainer and that if my signature was obtained on said retainer I did not know the significance of the paper which I signed.

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Sworn to before me this

17th day of May, 1924.

*Harold Medina*

New York Co. Clerk's No. 281

New York Co. Register's No. 3544

Kings Co. Clerk's No. 22

Kings Co. Register's No. 5389

New York Co. Clerk's No. 281

*Louise Ellis*

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The aged Mrs. Louise Ellis tells in this affidavit why she "lost all confidence" in her attorney, Harold R. Medina, for trying to get her to surrender her rights to a million dollar estate for a pittance. She also repudiates the 50 percent fee contract that her lawyer produced. ...

Mrs. Ellis then denied again that she had ever made a 50 percent retainer agreement with Medina.

She had said earlier that if she ever signed the 50 percent pact she didn't realize what she was signing. And she had emphasized also that she had supplied the evidence that won the court's favorable decision in her suit.

### THIRD ATTEMPT

Mrs. Ellis, now 84, had more serious charges to make against Medina in her third attempt to pry him from her case on May 24, 1926.

She demanded that Medina make an official accounting of the funds he was receiving from her father's estate in trust for herself.

The Title Guarantee & Trust Co. — as

trustee for the estate — had commenced making payments to her account from the accumulated rentals from her father's lands and buildings 10 years after she had first sued for her rights.

The Court of Appeals of New York had finally ratified the decisions of two lower courts in her favor. And the bank had to pay.

### MEDINA GETS HIS

But Mrs. Ellis was still not getting a cent because the bank was making the payments to Medina.

The sum of \$61,424.14 of Chapman estate funds was tied up by Medina in a special account until all legal proceedings were over and the share of the lawyers was finally decided by the courts.

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# U. S. Bloc Balks Soviet Peace Plan

## The Thief's Victims: A National Honor Roll



DENNIS



FAST

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These are the men and women victimized by Thomas:

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party.

Leon Josephson.

Gerhart Eisler.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, whose members are:

Dr. Jacob Auslander.

Dr. Edward K. Barsky.

Prof. Lyman Bradley.

Helen Bryan.

Marjorie Chodorov.

Howard Fast.

Ernestine Gonzales Fleishman.

Harry M. Justiz.

Ruth Leider.

James Lustig.

Manual Maganna.

Dr. Louis Miller.

Charlotte Stern.

The Hollywood Ten, who are:

Alvah Bessie.

Herman Biberman.

Lester Cole.

Edward Dymtryk.

Ring Lardner.

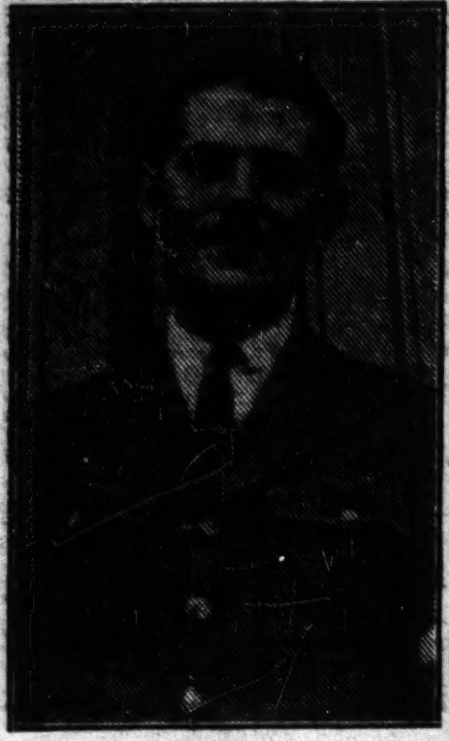
John Howard Lawson.

Albert Maltz.

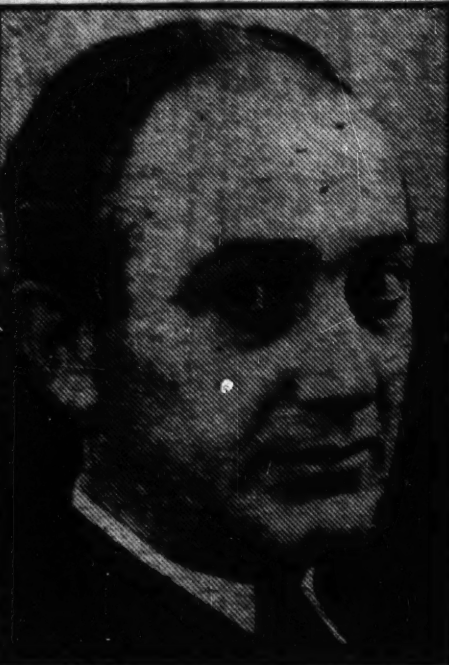
Samuel Ornitz.

Adrian Scott.

Dalton Trumbo.



BARSKY



JOSEPHSON

The Soviet Union's proposal for a Big Five peace pact was voted down yesterday in the United Nations General Assembly by the entire United States bloc. The vote was 39 to 5, with 15 abstentions. The paragraph in the proposal condemning Anglo-American preparations for a new war was rejected by 51 to 5 with two abstentions.

The paragraph calling for immediate adoption of the Soviet proposals for a ban on the atom-bomb and simultaneous creation of a limited control system was defeated 39 to 5, with 15 abstentions.

The General Assembly gave final approval, 53 to 5, to the Anglo-American resolution, which merely reaffirmed the UN charter and was obviously put forward to head off any possible favorable action on the concrete Soviet proposals to strengthen the cause of peace.

**VISHINSKY'S PLEA**  
Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet foreign minister, made a final plea for the Soviet peace plan, and declared: "Marxism achieved a victory in one-sixth of the world. Now some powers want us to give it up. They argue that only this can safeguard peace. This is a monstrous and glib argument."

"Everyone knows we will not abandon our policy. It is a fair policy, which is a policy of peace. Peace is our main objective."

The Yugoslav delegation, which in the debate did everything in its power to attack the Soviet Union's stand for peace, abstained in the final votes.

### AGREE ON WAR PLAN

PARIS, Dec. 1.—War chiefs of the 12-nation Atlantic Pact agreed unanimously tonight on a military plan for western Europe which reportedly assigned the mission of intercontinental bombing to the United States.

### REUTHER DENIES ALL

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers and CIO representative.

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## Out-Port Goons Steamroller Curran Vote

By Bernard Burton

At a meeting packed ahead of time by goons and cops, Joseph Curran last night railroaded through the suspension from office of 15 Port of New York elected officials of the National Maritime Union. The meeting was packed by machine men from out-of-town ports who kept arriving by the busload all through the afternoon.

There were 250 uniformed police plus an undisclosed number of plainclothesmen all through and around the building. In this atmosphere of intimidation, which followed nearly a week of beatings of rank and file seamen plus the yanking of their union books, Curran was assured of his vote, and could well afford to have the Honest Ballot Association take the count, something which he had opposed until yesterday morning.

### CURRAN VOTE ASSURED

That the meeting was Curran's was assured when Curran was elected chairman by 1,910 to 598 for David Drummond, New York port agent.

At least 1,500 seamen did not vote, in view of the intimidating atmosphere. The Fire Department estimated at 8 p.m. an attendance of 4,000 in the hall, while only 2,508 voted. Several hundred others were in an overflow hall downstairs.

H. B. Warner, NMU vice-president.

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## Travis Sues His Assailants

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 1.—A \$100,000 damage suit was filed in U.S. District Court today against seven members of the CIO United Steelworkers and the union as a whole. The suit was filed by Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Union.

Travis, who lost one eye and seven teeth, was attacked while broadcasting over station WGLD and his assailants kicked and beat him as he lay helpless on the studio floor.

The suit is against Robert Lowe, L. B. McBrayer, George B. Elliott, Jr., J. C. Hulsey, Nick Zonarich, J. T. Green and R. W. Christopher. The suit named the USW as a separate party.

Travis demanded a jury trial. The attack occurred the evening before Jefferson County red ore miners were to vote in an election, climaxing a raid by the steel union.

## U.S. Bloc Elects Tito to FAO Post

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Delegates to the United Nations Food and Agriculture organization meeting today elected Yugoslavia as the Eastern European representative on the 18-nation FAO Council. Yugoslavia was elected by a vote of 27 to 22.

Czech delegate Frank Vanicek announced that "under no circumstances" will the people's democracies of Eastern Europe accept Yugoslavia as their representative. In addition to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland are FAO members. The Soviet Union is not a member.

## NLRB Extends Anti-Communist T-H Writs to All Unionists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The National Labor Board today gave itself the power to require non-Communist oaths from any union members it may wish. Adopting a new rule to prevent what it termed "evasion of non-Communist affidavit filing requirement,"

the NLRB said it may "require non-Communist affidavits from persons other than occupants of offices listed in the union's constitution."

The new amendment to its regulations becomes effective Jan. 1, 1950. The amendment was adopted, the board said, to make possible investigations of unions which the board believes failed to list the full number of its officers required to sign affidavits in compliance with the Taft-Hartley Law.

The new amendment declares that the board may, after it completes its investigation, "require affidavits from persons other than incumbents of positions identified by the (union) constitution as officers before the labor organization will be recognized as having complied with section O-H of the (Taft-Hartley) Act."

This portion of the amendment was interpreted as giving the board authority to force any union member, holding any union post, to sign affidavits.

The board, at the same time, said there is no change in its policy of turning over affidavits to the Justice Department for an examination of validity.

## COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT OF FARM TOOL UNION TO JOIN UE

The right of the Farm Equipment Workers Union to join the United Electrical Workers was upheld yesterday in a ruling handed down by the New York State Supreme Court Justice Morris Eder. The judge held that the FE's referendum vote to join UE was legal under the FE constitution.

UE president Albert J. Fitzgerald and former FE president Grant Oakes announced that the overwhelming majority of FE's 50,000 members have approved the new affiliation.

Judge Eder dismissed a plea for an injunction by Peter Aversa, former president of FE's District 6 in upper New York State, and the National CIO, who sought to have the referendum declared illegal.

Aversa, who was represented by CIO attorney Herman Cooper, sought to lead FE workers into the CIO United Auto Workers Union. Fitzgerald and Oakes pointed out,

under an order from the CIO leadership giving the UAW complete jurisdiction in the farm equipment field despite a previous referendum by the FE membership rejecting UAW affiliation.

Justice Eder, in his decision, pointed out that the FE referendum on merging with UE had unanimously been approved by the FE executive board, with Aversa, a board member, participating in the action.

### O'D Has Restful Day

Mayor O'Dwyer continued "to show improvement and spent a restful day" at Bellevue Hospital, his physician, Dr. Edward M. Bernecker disclosed in a bulletin last night.

Rumors swept the city that O'Dwyer had died and City Hall phones were besieged by citizens asking for details. William J. Donaghue, the Mayor's executive secretary, asked newspapers and radio stations to scotch the rumor.

The Mayor is suffering from a weakened heart condition and "complete exhaustion." He will leave for a vacation after two weeks at Bellevue.

## Rally for Peace at Garden Monday

Distinguished leaders from all walks of national life will keynote this weekend's Congress on American Soviet Relations to be held Saturday and Sunday at Manhattan Center. Sponsored by the National Council for American Soviet Friendship, the Congress will draw representation from unions, organizations and peace groups along the entire eastern seaboard.

This congress, whose main theme is outlawing of the a-bomb, will be concluded Monday night at a Madison Square Garden Peace Rally.

The rally will observe the 32nd anniversary of the Soviet Union

and the 16th anniversary of the beginning of official American-Soviet relations.

### KATZ-SUCHY TO TALK

Monday night's Garden rally will hear Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy, Permanent Delegate to the United Nations from the People's Republic of Poland. Katz-Suchy, one of the most colorful figures at UN, had become widely known for his hard-hitting, witty speeches against the warmongers in the last several years.

Among other speakers at the Garden will be Donald Hender-

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## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

SOON there will be as many State Department denials as there will be divisions of the new Nazi army.



# Negro Dockers Sue Ryan For Violating Injunction

Negro longshoremen, organized in Local 968 of the International Longshoremen's Association in Brooklyn, yesterday obtained an order, returnable Dec. 8, against Joe Ryan, ILA president, to show cause why they should not be held in contempt for violating a court injunction.

Affidavits by the local's attorney's Irvin Yankwitz and George Skolsky, pointed out that Ryan failed to supply the local with quarterly work buttons, as required by the injunction.

Election of the local's officers is set for Saturday.

## Dies in Jail on Eve of Tito Trial

The Tito government began its anti-Soviet show trial yesterday of Russian citizens with the announcement that one of the 12 defendants had "hanged himself" in his cell. The Tito officials added he had left a "confession." The sudden death of one defendant, coupled with the announcement that another defendant, Alexei Krasunokov, was in the hospital, gave a glimpse into the gestapo methods of the Tito jailers.

The prosecutor, Enver Krzic, claimed confessions from all defendants, including the one who was dead and the one who was injured. What these confessions were like may be guessed by the sample given out by the Tito officials.

Father Alexei Krisko, a Russian Orthodox priest, a defendant, was alleged to have confessed working for the Nazis, then he was said to have believed that the atomic bomb would bring victory to the "Anglo-American imperialists" and to Yugoslav reactionaries, which led him, for some strange reason, to become a Soviet spy when the Cominform expelled Tito.

## O'D Pay Grab Hearing Today

Organizations and individuals will urge that the City Council reject Mayor O'Dwyer's pay rise grab, at a hearing in City Hall today at 11 a.m. before the City Council Finance Committee.

Under the pay bill, O'Dwyer's salary would jump from \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year; that of the comptroller from \$20,000 to \$35,000; the president of the City Council from \$15,000 to \$30,000; and borough presidents, from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The bill would also hike salaries of Councilmen from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

Arthur Schutler, ALP state executive secretary, will attack the bill at the hearing. Newbold Morris is also expected to protest.

Letters have swamped Councilmen urging them to vote against the bill.

## 16th Century Music At Concert Tonight

Jose Roy De La Torre will play 16th century music on the guitar, at a concert tonight (Friday), sponsored by the Music Division of the New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Olin Downes, Times music critic, will speak. The concert will be held at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West 23d St.

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## Plan Court Fight on Davis Expulsion

Swift legal action to compel the city council to reinstate Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis will be undertaken, it was learned yesterday, as protests increased against the Jimcrow expulsion.

Davis attorneys, it is understood, will probably go to court today on the issue. The attorneys are Harry Sacher and the firm of Unger, Freedman Fleischer.

Davis was summarily ousted in a sudden council maneuver, after corporation counsel John P. McGrath held his conviction, along with the 10 other Communist leaders, at the Foley Square frameup,

was "automatic forfeiture" of his elective office.

Davis was denied an opportunity to speak. He refused to accept the ouster, despite threats by Councilman Edward Rager to eject him.

## Steve Nelson Breaks Leg in Hunting Mishap

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 1.—Steve Nelson, Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, while on a short vacation, was victim of a serious accident as he hunted with some friends this week near Ridgway, Pa.

Nelson fell down a ravine, striking a rock at the bottom. It took four hours before his friends could get him to a hospital. Physicians report that he suffered a compound fracture of one leg.

## Rep. Blatnik Backs Anti-Deportation Meet

Rep. John A. Blatnik (D-Minn), in a message to the National Conference Against Deportation Hysteria, to be held at the Civic Center, in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3 and 4, stated that the present campaign of deportation proceedings have caused him "a great deal of concern."

The message released yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, said: "I shall continue to give all possible support to all groups who are working to protect the rights and privileges of naturalized and foreign born Americans."

## Gen. Meyers Seeks Parole

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (UP)—Former Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, who has served the minimum of his jail sentence for subornation or perjury, will go before the District Parole Board next Thursday to appeal personally for his release from Lorton Reformatory.

The 53-year-old former Air Force officer was convicted of attempting to get a former business associate, Bleniot LaMarre, to lie in his behalf before a Senate subcommittee.

## British Union Demands Pay Rise

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, representing 37 unions, today defied the government's wage-freeze policy by demanding a one pound (\$2.80) weekly wage increase.

The union also acted in defiance of the Trades Union Congress which is supporting the government's freezing of wages.

## End Benefits of 1,310,000 Jobless

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—More than 1,310,000 jobless workers have exhausted their unemployment compensation benefits for the year, the Labor Department reported today.

From July to September, over 500,000 workers were told they had no more benefits coming to them, the department said. It reported 438,000 compensation claim exhaustions for the second quarter, and 371,000 in the first quarter, figures which indicated the general worsening of the economic picture.

## Win 'One World' Mural Fight

Students and faculty members of the New York University School of Education yesterday won their struggle to restore the "One World" mural to the walls of LaGuardia Hall removed by school authorities and a small clique of disruptive students.

The Student Council which employed Harold Collins, graduate students, to paint the mural, fought the removal.

Collins is to continue working on the mural, according to The Education Sun, student newspaper.

## Envoy Stricken

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, 73, U. S. Ambassador to Kuomintang China for the past three years, was stricken by a brain hemorrhage today.

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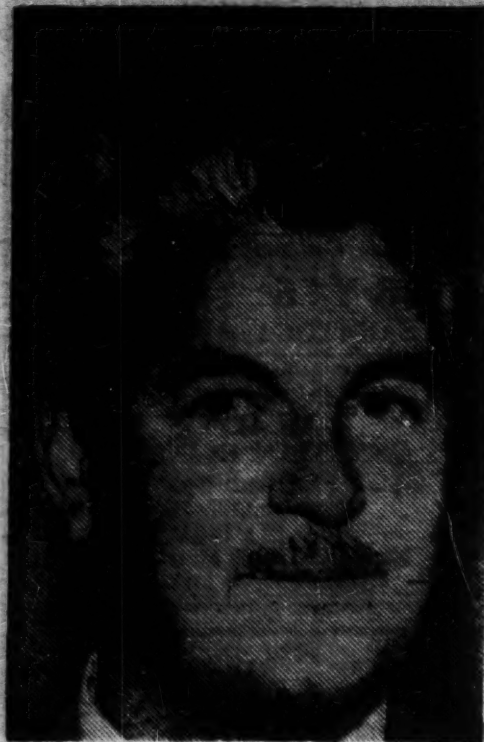
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Helen Bryan.

Marjorie Chodorov.

Howard Fast.

Ernestine Gonzales Fleishman.

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Ring Lardner.

John Howard Lawson.

Albert Maltz.

Samuel Ornitz.

Adrian Scott.

Dalton Trumbo.



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## Travis Sues His Assailants

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 1.—A \$100,000 damage suit was filed in U. S. District Court today against seven members of the CIO United Steelworkers and the union as a whole. The suit was filed by Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Union.

Travis, who lost one eye and seven teeth, was attacked while broadcasting over station WGLD and his assailants kicked and beat him as he lay helpless on the studio floor.

The suit is against Robert Lowe, L. B. McBrayer, George B. Elliott, Jr., J. C. Hulsey, Nick Zonarich, J. T. Green and R. W. Christoferson. The suit named the USW as a separate party.

Travis demanded a jury trial.

The attack occurred the evening before Jefferson County red ore miners were to vote in an election, climaxing a raid by the steel union.

## Rally for Peace at Garden Monday

Distinguished leaders from all walks of national life will keynote this weekend's Congress on American Soviet Relations to be held Saturday and Sunday at Manhattan Center. Sponsored by the National Council for American Soviet Friendship, the Congress will draw representation from unions, organizations and peace groups along the entire eastern seaboard.

This congress, whose main theme is outlawing of the a-bomb, will be concluded Monday night at a Madison Square Garden Peace Rally.

The rally will observe the 32nd anniversary of the Soviet Union

## U.S. Bloc Elects Tito to FAO Post

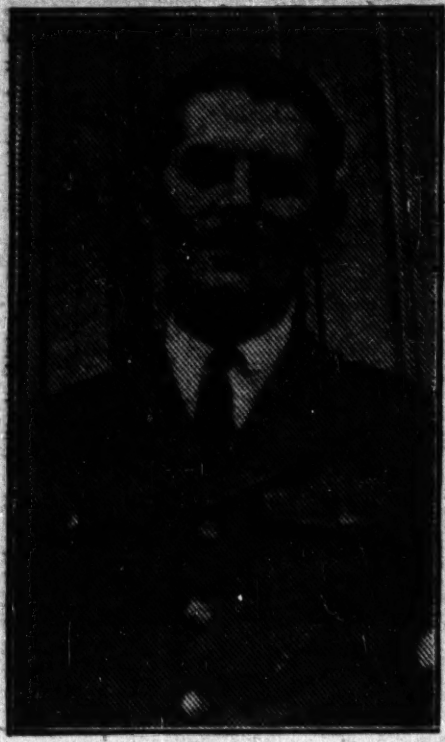
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Delegates to the United Nations Food and Agriculture organization meeting today elected Yugoslavia as the Eastern European representative on the 18-nation FAO Council. Yugoslavia was elected by a vote of 27 to 22.

Czech delegate Frank Vanicek announced that "under no circumstances" will the people's democracies of Eastern Europe accept Yugoslavia as their representative. In addition to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland are FAO members. The Soviet Union is not a member.

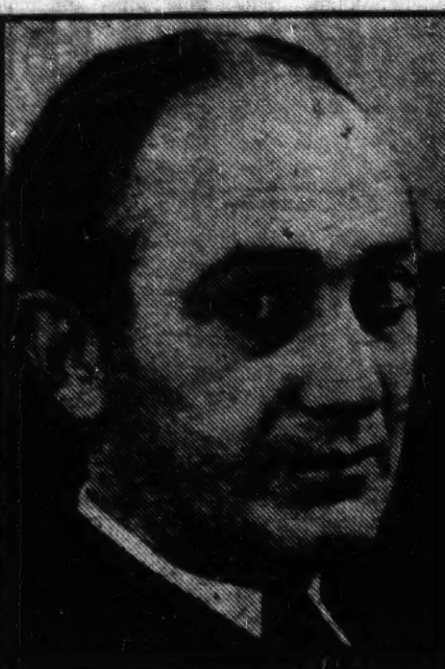
### KATZ-SUCHY TO TALK

Monday night's Garden rally will hear Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy, Permanent Delegate to the United Nations from the People's Republic of Poland. Katz-Suchy, one of the most colorful figures at UN, had become widely known for his hard-hitting, witty speeches against the warmongers in the last several years.

Among other speakers at the Garden will be Donald Henderson. (Continued on Page 9)



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## NLRB Extends Anti-Communist T-H Writs to All Unionists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The National Labor Board today gave itself the power to require non-Communist oaths from any union members it may wish. Adopting a new rule to prevent what it termed "evasion of non-Communist affidavit filing requirement," the NLRB said it may "require non-Communist affidavits from persons other than occupants of offices listed in the union's constitution."

The new amendment to its regulations becomes effective Jan. 1, 1950. The amendment was adopted, the board said, to make possible investigations of unions which the board believes failed to list the full number of its officers required to sign affidavits in compliance with the Taft-Hartley Law.

The new amendment declares that the board may, after it completes its investigation, "require affidavits from persons other than incumbents of positions identified by the (union) constitution as officers before the labor organization will be recognized as having complied with section O-H of the (Taft-Hartley) Act."

This portion of the amendment was interpreted as giving the board authority to force any union member, holding any union post, to sign affidavits.

The board, at the same time, said there is no change in its policy of turning over affidavits to the Justice Department for an examination of validity.

## Point of Order

By ALAN  
MAX

SOON there will be as many State Department denials as there will be divisions of the new Nazi army.

The Soviet Union's proposal for a Big Five peace pact was voted down yesterday in the United Nations General Assembly by the entire United States bloc. The vote was 39 to 5, with 15 abstentions. The paragraph in the proposal condemning Anglo-American preparations for a new war was rejected by 51 to 5 with two abstentions.

The paragraph calling for immediate adoption of the Soviet proposals for a ban on the atom-bomb and simultaneous creation of a limited control system was defeated 39 to 5, with 15 abstentions.

The General Assembly gave final approval, 53 to 5, to the Anglo-American resolution, which merely reaffirmed the UN charter and was obviously put forward to head off any possible favorable action on the concrete Soviet proposals to strengthen the cause of peace.

### VISHINSKY'S PLEA

Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet foreign minister, made a final plea for the Soviet peace plan, and declared: "Marxism achieved a victory in one-sixth of the world. Now some powers want us to give it up. They argue that only this can safeguard peace. This is a monstrous and glib argument."

"Everyone knows we will not abandon our policy. It is a fair policy, which is a policy of peace. Peace is our main objective."

The Yugoslav delegation, which in the debate did everything in its power to attack the Soviet Union's stand for peace, abstained in the final votes.

### AGREE ON WAR PLAN

PARIS, Dec. 1.—War chiefs of the 12-nation Atlantic Pact agreed unanimously tonight on a military plan for western Europe which reportedly assigned the mission of intercontinental bombing to the United States.

### REUTHER DENIES ALL

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers and CIO representa-

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## Curran Brings Outport Goons To Pack Meet

By Bernard Burton

Busloads of Joseph Curran's machine men from out of town began arriving at St. Nicholas Arena yesterday afternoon to pack the New York National Maritime Union membership meeting, scheduled for last night. By 3:45 p. m. busses had already arrived from Philadelphia, Marcus Hook, Pa., Baltimore and Norfolk, Va.

Curran's gangs, mustered by goon squads, were also en route from the Gulf ports, as far south as New Orleans, where his machine, in cooperation with local cops, have been driving Negroes and militants off the waterfront.

As the busloads pulled up to St. Nicholas Arena, men got in line to enter the lobby to be screened by vice president H. B. Warner and to get their "instructions."

As Warner fingered a man whom he apparently considered "unsafe," the cops got him out of the lobby.

### COPS PRESENT

Cops were heavily in evidence around the entire 68th St. area and in the arena.

Curran was doing everything possible to make sure the meeting was packed and that honest seamen were intimidated.

Those seamen have had the temerity to speak out in the hall or to vote against Curran in "meetings dominated by goons have been rushed into back rooms and

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## COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT OF FARM TOOL UNION TO JOIN UE

The right of the Farm Equipment Workers Union to join the United Electrical Workers was upheld yesterday in a ruling handed down by the New York State Supreme Court Justice Morris Eder. The judge held that the FE's referendum vote to join UE was legal under the FE constitution.

UE president Albert J. Fitzgerald and former FE president Grant Oakes announced that the overwhelming majority of FE's 50,000 members have approved the new affiliation.

Judge Eder dismissed a plea for an injunction by Peter Aversa, former president of FE's District 6 in upper New York State, and the National CIO, who sought to have the referendum declared illegal.

Aversa, who was represented by CIO attorney Herman Cooper, sought to lead FE workers into the CIO United Auto Workers Union. Fitzgerald and Oakes pointed out,

under an order from the CIO leadership giving the UAW complete jurisdiction in the farm equipment field despite a previous referendum by the FE membership rejecting UAW affiliation.

Justice Eder, in his decision, pointed out that the FE referendum on merging with UE had unanimously been approved by the FE executive board, with Aversa, a board member, participating in the action.

### O'D Has Restful Day

Mayor O'Dwyer continued "to show improvement and spent a restful day" at Bellevue Hospital, his physician, Dr. Edward M. Bernerker disclosed in a bulletin last night.

Rumors swept the city that O'Dwyer had died and City Hall phones were besieged by citizens asking for details. William J. Donaghy, the Mayor's executive secretary, asked newspapers and radio stations to scotch the rumor.

The Mayor is suffering from a weakened heart condition and "complete exhaustion." He will leave for a vacation after two weeks at Bellevue.



## TAXICAB DRIVERS' PAGE

# Traffic Causing Drop in Bookings

With traffic congestion in mid-Manhattan nearing the breaking point, thousands of short haul riders are being lost each day. Rather than eating their hearts out grinding along one block to a traffic light, they are walking. This has resulted in a drop in bookings for day and night men. Despite this, operators are insisting on drivers "getting it up." What are the operators doing about working conditions on the streets? What is Mayor O'Dwyer doing to relieve the traffic congestion?

Mayor O'Dwyer has appointed a Traffic Commission to bring in a "solution" to this problem. This commission of "experts" (at fancy fees, no doubt) has been laboring now for months with all kinds of special apparatus—special meters on avenues to clock the number of cars passing, each second, minute and hour of the day, meanwhile conditions continue to worsen.

The present commission is not the first such body to try its hand at this problem. It is the seventh son of a seventh son. It will accomplish nothing, if, like its prede-

cessors, it refuses to institute measures which may be opposed by the hotel and trades associations in midtown Manhattan. The reason for no solution to traffic congestion is the refusal of the mayor to buck these associations. After all, many of them are good contributors to the Democratic Party.

It seems to us that the City could save some money by consulting some real experts, like hackmen, who live in traffic for from 8 to 12 hours each day. A labor administration would do just that.

Of course, if taxi drivers like millions of other workers were organized in a powerful UNION they could make their proposals felt at City Hall and could force action on this problem affecting their earnings and working conditions.

In the meantime the Daily Worker through the "taxi page" invites drivers to present their views

on this problem and will publish the meach riday.

A number of proposals have already come in. The following is one of them:

Daily Worker  
50 E. 13 St.  
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Editor, Taxi Page:

I saw your articles on taxi drivers and liked them very much. I thought you might be interested in some ideas on traffic tieups which are brutal downtown. I hope you will print some ideas I have on it. I have discussed them with hundreds of passengers and all agree that they make a lot of sense.

(1) One way avenues between 23rd St and 59th St.

(a) Second, Lexington, Madison

into one way avenues. (9th and 10th are already one way).

(b) Second Avenue to be one way north heading into Queens bridge.

(c) All one-way avenues to have markers with aisles for left and right turn aisles, and for through traffic.

(d) First, Third, Fourth, Park Avenues; Broadway, Sixth, Eighth, Eleventh, Twelfth Avenues to remain 2-way avenues.

I think these things would go a long way in easing traffic conditions.

Thanking you,  
ROBERT PEARLMAN.

What do you think?  
What about parking in midtown Manhattan?

What about the bottlenecks in

the morning and at night at the bridges?

What about hackstands cluttered up with parked cars? Let's hear from you; Let the experts who live in traffic speak up!

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## My Flag Is Up

Mr. Louis Klatsgow, a driver who works out of National Transportation Unit No. 11 on Hudson Ave., Brooklyn, and who has been working for Parmelee for over 25

years, has just returned from a months tour of the country. He visited Chicago, Sun Valley, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Hollywood, etc. In Chicago he spent a week of sightseeing, including luncheon at a world famous hotel where the check for two was \$35. In Sun Valley he waded hip deep and fished in those beautiful mountain streams of Idaho, caught plenty of mountain trout, and with two \$1,500 bird dogs and a \$1,000 rifle went out and "shot his own dinner" (an experience that will come in right handy the way bookings are dropping) a batch of ring necked pheasants (whatever that is).

In San Francisco, his wives birthplace, where she hasn't been in many years, they visited relatives, then to Hollywood, where they met many stars of the screen and radio, back to Sun Valley for some more hunting, fishing, wading and loafing, and then home. Most of the travel was done by plane. At Chicago a rare privilege was accorded the couple. They were met by Yellow Cab officials at the airport, and for the first time in the airports history, a cab was permitted on the field to pick them up. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Klatsgow on their good fortune.

Do you think that all this was possible because during a life-time of hacking Mr. K. has saved a million or so, has decided to take out his roll, take off the rubber band, peel off several grand, and take the Mrs. for a months vacation? Oh no. It was all through the courtesy of a radio program over NBC "This Is Your Life."

Since reading this story I've discussed the above matter with quite a few hackmen, on the garage floor, in the Automat where I meet many of them, etc. I've asked several who are hacking 25 years and more what do they think of it, do they ever go hunting, fishing,

or anything. This is the story they tell, several are hunting for the rent money which is due on the first. One guy is fishing around for a relative to borrow about 150 bucks to get some teeth that he has been needing for years, and most of them are wading in debt not hip deep—over their necks.

### WHAT'S MY NAME?

"Hungry Joe," "Oxford Benny" and "The Duke" are not remnants of the Capone gang, but "respected" members of the community, fleetowners. There are a few more, except it's not proper language for a peoples family paper, but you can imagine.

### TAXI

"The new 1950 Checker cabs will catch the eye," says the ad, but with hacking getting tougher, I'd rather have a cab that catches calls.

### OH YEAH!

The Taxi Weekly in a front page editorial takes a lot of credit for having helped reelect O'Dwyer, says a lot of naughty things about Marcantonio, and "will do more than its share to help defeat him in 1950, for Congress." Yeah, tell us, what will you do?

Thanks for the letters, write some more. We appear every Friday.

### Hackie Submits

#### A Beef

Editor, Taxi Page:

I would like to express my appreciation for the recent columns appearing in the Daily Worker on the Taxi Industry.

There have been many instances where hackmen after grabbing a quick bite or a five-minute stop at a comfort station to come out and find a \$15 parking ticket on their cabs. This is a serious problem facing thousands of hackies who for fear of getting a summons many times go without food for an entire day shift, or even fear stopping at a comfort station, that's why many hackdrivers are suffering with all kinds of internal disorders, piles, kidney troubles, etc.

I think that something can be done about this. I would like this column to start a petition campaign among hackmen and riders for a half hours parking time for hackmen anywhere in the midtown area.

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# Lawyers Blast Jail Term for Crockett

By William Allan

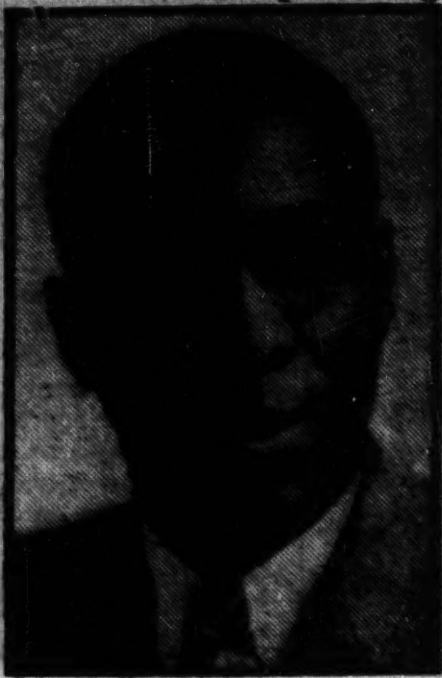
DETROIT, Dec. 1.—Several hundred attorneys, Negro and white, members of the Detroit chapter, National Lawyers Guild and the Wolverine Bar Association respectively, have placed themselves on record in membership meetings to aid in the defense of George

W. Crockett Jr., Detroit attorney sentenced to four months in jail for contempt. The sentence was imposed on Crockett, one of the defense attorneys for the 11 Communist leaders. Crockett was attorney for two of them, Carl Winter and Jack Stachel.

A joint committee of both Detroit lawyers groups prepared an exhaustive analysis of the 21,000-page record of the trial of the Communist leaders and the nine specifications by Judge Medina of "contempt" actions by Crockett.

They concluded on the basis of the study that the "contempt" citation was in violation of the due process right of notice and opportunity to be heard, which is the right of any attorney. Under regular legal procedure an attorney is supposed to be notified of contempt when it occurs, and if adjudged guilty of it, penalized at that time. That was not done by Medina.

They also held that the nine specifications of alleged contemptuous conduct of Crockett, taken in the context of an extremely controversial mass trial, lasting nine months, prosecuted in an atmos-



CROCKETT

phere of public inflation—and presided over by an unsympathetic judge, were only actions to be expected from a lawyer obedient to the responsibilities of his profession and the interests of his clients.

## SEVERE PUNISHMENT

The lawyers also held that the severity of the punishment summarily imposed upon Crockett was

unjustified by even the least charitable view of what he said and did.

The two lawyers groups recommended to all members of the Michigan Bar Association that they should not ignore the fundamental implications of American freedom involved in the "contempt" cases of the attorneys.

A free trial without lawyers feeling free to exercise all their rights is an impossibility, they said.

"No lawyer can sit idly while basic rights of a fellow lawyer are seriously threatened, resting on the assumption that today's grace is tomorrow's protection. When the

## Wire or Write To McGrath

A formal request for postponement of the hearing on the appeal by defense attorneys for the 11 Communist leaders on the contempt citations of the lawyers by Judge Medina is scheduled to be made by the attorneys before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Monday.

Wire or write at once to U.S. Attorney General Howard McGrath. Demand postponement of the hearing on the appeal of the lawyers' contempt case until after the final argument on appeal of the main Foley Square conviction of the Communist leaders.

## Medina's First Half Million

(Continued from Page 1)

Mrs. Ellis told the Court in an affidavit dated May 24, 1926, that Medina had not given her an accounting of the funds—her funds—that the bank had paid him on March 26, two months before.

She was entitled to get an accounting from Medina for \$81,424.14 he had received from the bank, she told the Court.

Then saying that she had been "in an almost penniless condition" since filing the suit, she repeated her charges again.

"... the law firm I have employed to represent me ... attempted to induce me to sign retainer agreements for absorbant (her spelling) fees although conceding that the litigation was very simple inasmuch as I had supplied them with all the necessary documentary evidence to prove my heirship."

Mrs. Ellis concluded with a very reasonable appeal to the Court to fix the fees of the law-

yers and to make them account to her for the money—her money—which they were getting.

The day of Medina's harvest was drawing near.

**The Concluding Episode  
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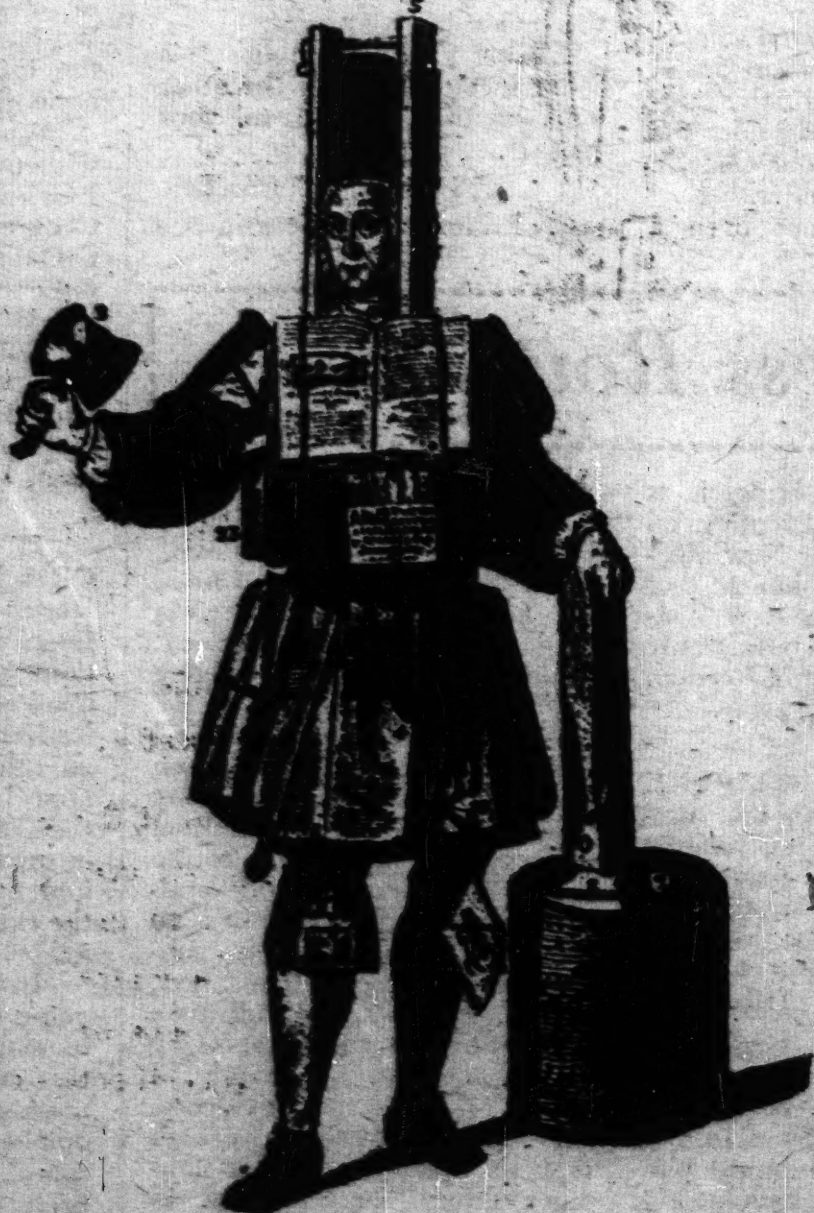
## Bazaar to Admit Children Free

Children will get a special break at the Greater New York Jewish Labor Bazaar to be held Dec. 8 through Dec. 12 at the St. Nicholas Arena. Each child, admitted free, will receive a special door prize distributed by a clown.

Special features, including Raymond the Magician and a kiddie buffoon show, will be presented on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. The buffoon show was especially written for the bazaar.

In addition, the bazaar will feature, for children from the ages of one to 14, a wide assortment of quality coats, suits, dresses, shirts, polo shirts, skirts, socks, sweaters, pajamas, gloves, play clothes, hats, knitted wear, pants and other garments.

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dike is breached, no stone is secure," the lawyers maintained.

## URGENT ACTION

The joint membership meetings of the Lawyers Guild and the Wolverine Bar Association which adopted the report then recommended the following:

(1) That both organizations put themselves on record supporting the defense of Crockett; (2) Do all in their power to assist in the appeal of the contempt findings against Crockett, and in any stay of execution proceedings; (3) Do

all in their power to bring the facts to the knowledge of the lawyers of Michigan, and mobilize them for Crockett's defense.

Hundreds of copies of the brief of both groups are now being circulated throughout the state to organizations, lawyers and civic groups. Mass meetings where Crockett will speak are being arranged.

A Crockett Defense Committee made up of some 60 lawyers, labor and civic figures is preparing these defense activities.

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## Around the Globe

By Joseph Starobin

### \$300 a Minute For Murders in Greece

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has sent another one of those quarterly reports to Congress which outline so very objectively and unemotionally the story of American-made murder in Greece. It is the eighth report, and covers April, May and June of 1949. Every three months, we get these reports, each one of them written in blood, each one of them adding up the dollars that have been spent to destroy the democratic forces of Greece, who just a few years back were hailed as our allies against Hitler.



And in each report, Mr. Truman rings up the figures of Greek guerillas who have supposedly been eliminated from the battle, as though it were a cash register operation. It has cost \$470 million, says the latest "balance sheet," to bring the number of Greek Democratic Army effectives down from 28,000 to 18,000... that is what the President would have us believe are left. Which means \$47,000 per single Greek soldier, paid for by the U. S. Treasury to which you and I contribute by taxes and other ways.

Foreign intervention? There isn't supposed to be any except from the side of the people's democracies.

Tito's Yugoslavia, of course, has been exonerated, since the Greek-Yugoslav frontier was closed during the summer and Yugoslavia became one of the jaws of the trap around the Greek Democratic Army and democratic Albania. But Mr. Truman doesn't conceal the Anglo-American intervention, whatever our delegates at the UN say or don't say.

The Eighth Report not only boasts of the money and material shipped to Greece, but says that 212 American officers and 251 enlisted men were under the Military Mission, headed by Gen. James Van Fleet, which directly supervised the Greek fascist general staff, trained its officers, schooled its aviators, directed the use of the bazookas and other new weapons against the Democratic Army.

THAT IS one report, but there has also been another in recent weeks. On Nov. 21, the Greek monarcho-fascist General Staff made public some figures on the arrests of Greek Communists and their allies between June, 1946, and November, 1949. In Washington, they ring up the cash registers, in Athens, they are adding up the volleys of the firing squads.

The total number arrested in the three-and-a-half years of warfare came to 47,498. Of this number, 5,322 were sentenced to death, or one out of every nine. The number executed comes to 3,033, and the number imprisoned is 16,788. Almost 5,500 are still awaiting trial.

Figures, just figures, you will say. But translate this in terms of human beings, and divide by the elapsed time, and you find that the Athens butchers had been killing Greek men and women at the rate of between two and three per day. During the past year, it was a rate of more than four a day.

Thus, the United States has been spending \$735,000 per day, or about \$300 per minute on the Greek butchers, who in turn have been murdering four Greeks every day for three and a half years!

REMEMBER that the U. S. delegate, Benjamin Cohen, was the chief opponent—out at Lake Success—of every effort by the Soviet Union, Poland and other people's democracies to put the United Nations on record for amnesty in Greece. Between Sept. 29, shortly after the UN Assembly opened, and the end of October, while the debates were still raging, the Athens government admitted having executed four more Greek democrats and decreed 221 death sentences!

Yet this, and the rest of the record, was not sufficient to force a simple resolution out of the UN, so determined was the State Department to allow not even inferential criticism of its handiwork.

"... with liberty and justice for all," is the way our pledge of allegiance ends up. Liberty to murder, and injustice for Greece, is the motto of Mr. Truman's latest report.

VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



## Letters from Readers

### The Truth About Haitian Revolt

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The main duty of a newspaper is to contribute to the spreading of accurate information, so that public opinion will not be induced to error. We know you are aware of that and that's why we are writing you today regarding the inaccuracies in the statement of Henry C. Rosemond, Haitian Exposition Commissioner, about the revolt in Haiti, which appeared in the Nov. 19 issues of the *Amsterdam News*.

First, the revolt has not been an extreme left-minded movement, since the Christian Social Party (now dissolved), the largest Haitian party and under the guidance of the Catholic Church, was its principal leader.

Second, it has not been a

mulatto-elite uprising, because Daniel Fignole, leader of the Peasant and Workers Movement (also dissolved), has always fought for the black majority, and is the only one known in Haiti for such. Mr. Rosemond himself, before his appointment to his present government job, had been a devoted partisan of Fignole.

The revolt has been the unavoidable result of a policy of corruption and mal-administration, of terror against individual freedom, pursued by the government in power. The Haitian people are tired of misery and fascism, and want to get rid of this cynical government.

I hope you will publish this letter in order to give the other side of the question to your readers.

THEODORE BAKER

Editor of *La Ruche-in-exile*.

## Press Roundup

THE NEWS gets as poetic as Ezra Pound in commenting on the Labor defeat in New Zealand: "We have a hunch that human happiness in New Zealand will increase considerably... as the fresh wind of freedom blows the pink fog away."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE finds cause for joy in the "harmony of joint planning" among the imperialists for a new world war. But as for the strike of American miners for a better life, it's not "pleasant to contemplate," says the Trib.

THE MIRROR'S got a new twist. The creation of monopolies is not attributable to Big Business. It's a Communist plot so that "then the government can shriek monopoly and take them over." Above this editorial, blushing with shame, sits a biblical quotation: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

THE POST tortuously discusses the resurgence of German fascism without saying a single word about the U.S. foreign policy, backed by the Post, whose key is exactly the revival of that same German fascism.

THE TIMES provides insight into its attitude toward labor. Discussing the situation inside the National Maritime Union, the Times triumphantly reports that the rank and file voted against a resolution "pledging union support of the U.S. in the event of war, even with Russia." In addition to their stand on this "when did you stop beating your wife" kind of provocation, it seems the rank and file also (horrors!) "opposed other anti-Communist moves." So it's no longer enough to be a non-Communist, the Times says, you've got to spend full time red-baiting instead of improving your conditions. Reluctantly, it admits "there is some evidence, the validity of which cannot now be determined," that Curran's group "has resorted to dictatorial procedure."

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM, now that Parnell Thomas has admitted his crimes, refers to the Republican as one who only "posed as a great defender of his country against un-American forces." But the point is that Thomas wasn't posing, that swindling and red-baiting make a more inseparable team than ham and eggs, and the Telly always supported Thomas.

## World of Labor

By George Morris

### Mistake to Repeal T-H, Says Clinton Golden

CLINTON S. GOLDEN, who, as assistant to Philip Murray was Number 2 man in the steel union until he was "donated" to the State Department for diplomatic services, says it is a "mistake" for labor to seek repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law. Addressing a labor relations conference under sponsorship of the University of Wisconsin the other day, he said, according to the *Milwaukee Journal*:

"My own feeling is that it is a mistake to say: 'We want it repealed, period.' The more rational approach would be a calm effort to see how it has operated and then make the intelligent effort to amend it."

He added that in the past 10 years he has changed his mind over the importance of the closed shop to organized labor, and he is convinced that repeal of the T-H Law would not contribute to "industrial peace."



"I suppose many of my old friends in the labor movement will now say, 'You are a nice old gentleman, but probably are slipping because you have been hanging around too much with management,'" he added.

GOLDEN SHOULD NOT be minimized as a representative of the CIO's inner ruling clique. He is the CIO man of the two top labor advisers to Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan director. He is actually the boss of the machinery of U. S. labor agents set up in every Marshall Plan country to help sell the program to native labor.

Murray first tipped his hand on foreign policy—departure from the FDR policy and embrace of the Truman Doctrine—when he announced that the CIO recommended Golden for the post of "labor adviser" to Greece. Golden's report on his "contribution" to monarcho-fascist Greece was one of the highlights of the steel union's Boston convention.

Golden and Murray have always pulled together on the question of labor relations and labor-management cooperation.

Hence Golden's opinion is undoubtedly a reflection of the mental processes now "maturing" in the circles of which he has long been a part. We have on numerous occasions pointed out that the top bureaucrats of labor really have little basic fault to find with the Taft-Hartley Law.

When David Dubinsky came forward last year with the idea of no repeal, but a revamped T-H Law, we said he spoke for many. Events in Congress more than confirmed this as both the CIO and AFL leaders executed a series of retreats until they agreed to retain the main features of the law under a new name.

Golden's position reflects a still further retreat. Even the formal desire for repeal may be dropped and the movement diverted into an effort to "reform" the measure which Murray, in better days, said was "a long step towards fascism."

IT NOW REMAINS to be seen whether the CIO's leaders will disown Golden's position. As late as the recent CIO convention, they still professed to be for repeal. But official CIO resolutions are an extremely unreliable barometer of opinions among predominantly unprincipled top leaders of the CIO. A week before the convention an attorney of Murray's own union argued its appeal before the U. S. Supreme Court against the Taft-Hartley affidavits. But the convention incorporated an even more sweeping "affidavit" into the CIO's own constitution and empowered the executive board to be the prosecutor, jury and judge in enforcing it.

In leaking out some of the thinking that is going on in the higher-paid quarters of the labor bureaucracy, Golden only confirmed the warning that only a rank-and-file movement from below, uniting workers of all affiliations and shades of opinion, could start the ball rolling again for repeal. The top leaders of the AFL and CIO have pretty much reduced the movement to their own platform speeches on the T-H Law. Actually they have declared a moratorium on any real action until 1951 when a new congress convenes.

The promise that the repeal issue would be made the big test of Congressional endorsements in 1950 has little guts to it because issues aren't real when pulled out of a pigeonhole. They are real, and a basis for pressure on candidates, and a means of rallying votes, if the struggle for them mounts and reaches a crescendo by campaigning time. But if the workers depend on the Golden, Murays, Greens and Dubinskys to pilot their repeal fight, the issue will turn into only good sucker bait for votes for the usual political phonies.

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## Postponing the Showdown

THE SHOWDOWN between the 400,000 coal miners and their bitter opponents, the coal corporations, has been postponed. The miners are going back—but for three days a week only. They are maneuvering in their life-and-death struggle.

It is indeed a life-and-death struggle not only for one of America's great trade unions, but equally for every trade union in the nation.

Let there be no mistake about that. The miners were maneuvered into a corner by a two-way squeeze engineered by the White House and the coal and steel corporations. The financial oligarchy is determined to smash the miners union as the main pillar in the house of American trade unionism.

THE MINERS HAVE BEEN TRYING since June, 1948, to get a contract. They have been out on strike four times since then, to compel a settlement. They have suffered heavy losses in pay, while the courts have gouged out of their pockets and union treasury scandalous fines for "contempt" totalling \$2,100,000.

The coal and steel corporations have acted with confident arrogance because they have been sure of White House and Taft-Hartley support. But even more immediately, the union-hating trusts fighting the United Mine Workers have been enormously encouraged by the split within the CIO coming just at the moment when the miners and steel workers were out on strike together. A joint coal-steel strike, for wages, pensions and working conditions, would have been invincible. At such a moment, Lewis appealed for labor unity to meet the employer offensive. But neither the AFL nor CIO gave his proposal serious consideration.

Murray opened up the CIO to splits, expulsions, and internal raids behind the alibi of fighting "communism." He engineered a cheap settlement for the steel trust (no wage increase and a two-year contract providing for mild pension payments), leaving the miners to face the White House-Wall Street attack alone.

Thus the steel workers were cheated out of wage increases (the steel trust was promised higher prices for steel, say the Wall Street trade papers), and the coal miners face the loss of their pension fund, their working agreements, their wage levels, and their union positions achieved by generations of struggle. Such is the price of disunity and disruption within the house of labor by red-baiters. The fate of collective bargaining is at stake.

THERE IS ONE CENTRAL JOB for all trade unions today—solidarity and united labor action in support of the hard-fighting miners, backbone of the trade union movement. Every trade union, left, right, CIO, AFL, local and international should speak out.

Get your union on record for full support for the demands of the miners. Get your union to ask President Truman to assure labor that the Taft-Hartley crackdown will not be used against the miners, the main reason for the coal corporations' arrogance. In the event of future struggle, your union should be on record as ready to aid in the common fight.

## Red-Baiter Equals Crook

SCRATCH A PROFESSIONAL red-baiter and you'll find a crook in nine out of ten cases.

So it is no surprise that the rampant bully of the House Un-American Committee, Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, is revealed to be a crook picking Uncle Sam's pocket behind the cover of a "fight on communism."

Thomas is a petty crook. Imagine the looting going on in Washington these days under cover of the manufactured hysteria of the cold war against the Soviet Union. We know that the railroads gyped the U. S. of hundreds of millions during the recent war. They face trial now. Official surveys prove that billions—literally billions—were looted by the now super-patriotic Wall Street corporations.

That Thomas is out on bail pending sentence on Dec. 9 is in ironical contrast to the treatment handed his victims. The Foley Square defendants were slapped into jail without bail until public protest forced their release. Behind-to-crooks is the rule if they can show their zeal in hounding Americans for daring to oppose fascism and war.

## LIGHT ON THE ISSUES

—By Fred Ellis



## As We See It

### The Morality Of An Anti-Communist

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.



The upholstered representatives of big business, in universities, politics, and sometimes in churches, have had a lot of nasty things to say recently concerning the morals of Communists. The purpose of this column is not to defend the morality of

Communists because that is best done in their works. But I think it would be a contribution to any discussion of the subject to consider the morals of one who has been most vociferous in slandering Communists. I refer, of course, to Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, born John P. Feeney, former chairman of the House Un-American Committee.

On Wednesday, the third day of his trial, Rep. Thomas stood submissively before a Federal judge and entered a plea of "nolo contendere" to charges that he had pocketed \$8,000 of the government's money through payroll padding. The filing of this plea meant that he withdrew his plea of not guilty and threw himself upon the mercy of the court. "What's the difference between this plea and a plea of guilty?" I asked a lawyer friend. "No difference," he said. "It only makes Thomas feel better."

But that Wednesday morning, Parnell Thomas obviously wasn't feeling good. His ruddy face oozed with sweat. For newsmen to whom he always used to say so much, he hadn't a word. And no wonder, for Thomas had made a statement constituting an admission of taking money which didn't belong to him. The indictment called it "fraud." The dictionary says that to defraud is to "cheat."

YET THIS is the man whose testimony in the contempt of Congress case against Eugene Dennis may yet send Dennis to a year in prison.

To the committee, then headed by Parnell Thomas, Dennis had said: "I speak as a Communist in defending the Constitution against you who are subverting it. Yes, we, together with a legion of other patriotic Amer-

icans, who will carry this fight to the people as a struggle to preserve the character of this nation as a democratic republic."

In June, 1947, Dennis sat in the dock while Thomas, from the witness chair self-righteously leveled an accusing finger at the Communist leader.

It was Thomas who railroaded Leon Josephson, Communist and anti-fascist to jail. It was Thomas who devised the series of persecutions of Gerhard Eisler. His report as chairman of the committee at the close of the 80th Congress, boasts of his victims:

- Edward Barsky, Howard Fast and other leaders of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.
- Hanns Eisler, composer.
- Albert Maltz, writer.
- Dalton Trumbo, writer.
- Samuel Ornitz, writer.
- Robert Adrian Scott, screen writer.
- John Howard Lawson, playwright.
- Edward Dmytryk, movie director.
- Lester Cole, screen writer.
- Alvah Bessie, writer.
- Herbert Biberman, movie director.
- Ring Lardner, Jr., screen writer.

THE INDICTMENT of these persons and the actual imprisonment of Josephson, however, are not the only "achievements" of Thomas.

Let it be recalled that it was Thomas who gave a forum to the notorious Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley, as a result of which many persons, most of them progressives, were slandered as spies and traitors. Alger Hiss is on trial in New York as a consequence. Harry Dexter White, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, died of a heart attack following a

merciless and unwarranted grilling by Thomas. Lawrence Dugan, a former State Department official, was killed in a plunge from a skyscraper as a result, many believe, of his having been smeared by Thomas' committee.

But these are only a minor part of Parnell Thomas' crimes against America. The hysteria and fear he promoted with his headlines was a major factor in pushing through the Taft-Hartley Act, the "loyalty" purge of Federal workers, the Mundt-Nixon Bill through the House, the Ober and Feinberg laws through the legislatures of Maryland and New York, and paved the way for the monstrous Foley Square prosecution of a political philosophy.

As Dennis told him in April, 1947, Thomas aimed at subverting the American Constitution and changing our form of government.

To an alarming extent, he succeeded. What his plea before the District Court on Wednesday proved was that his motivation was not even some mistaken idea of patriotism. It was sheer self-aggrandizement, to get re-elected so he could continue to help himself from the public till.

So if the subject for discussion is to be morals, let us compare the morals of the Un-Americans with the morals of his victims. Parnell Thomas stands before the world as an admitted fraud and cheat. The victims are men and women who have courageously fought for an idea, and who have been willing to risk their careers and their livelihood in the pursuit of what their conscience tells them is right and clean and good for themselves and for their country.

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IF IT WERE POSSIBLE to take a poll of the people of the earth as to "what is the greatest fear clutching at your hearts? What is the greatest menace in the world today?"—it is not hard to guess what the universal answer would be—"the atom bomb." The people who dwell in little houses all over the world, who live simple family lives, who earn their living by their own labor, who love their children, who have no quarrel with their neighbors or others like themselves all around the world—they hate the atom bomb. When a wise man named Vishinsky stands up in the United Nations to demand, "Outlaw the atom bomb, control atomic energy for peace purposes," the little people around the globe say, "Amen!"

The American Quakers know this. They have proposed that production of atomic bombs be halted and that America and the Soviet Union get together on international inspection systems to guarantee that plants for the production of atomic energy be limited to peacetime uses, especially in the field of medicine. The Soviet Union is willing. It is high time this whole question should be thoroughly discussed by the American people, as it is discussed elsewhere. The State Department should hear from the people on the matter of recklessly waving atom bombs to bulldoze other people by threatening to wipe them out in the twinkling of an eye (and get wiped out ourselves, too).

I was in Paris on the Sunday in September when word came that President Truman admitted the Soviet Union had the so-called "secret" of the atom bomb, as if science could not develop anywhere what can be done here. The French people on the streets, in

## Life of the Party

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Member, National Committee, Communist Party

the parks, in the restaurants and at the air terminal discussed the news with great animation and satisfaction. They were smiling as if with relief—that now there was "balance" and the two big countries would deal with each other peacefully. The Soviet Union is willing. The little people felt safer that day and since.

HERE IN THE USA the report came from Washington that there was great disappointment in official circles over the "apathy of the American people" on two matters. First they did not get wildly excited and celebrate the conviction of the Communist leaders, as Clark, Hoover and company expected they would, when the country was "saved" from the terrible Reds.

Secondly, official Washington was amazed that the American people did not get alarmed at the news that the Soviet Union has the atom bomb. Rather, reports said, they seemed distinctly relieved, as were the French people. Monopoly of the atom bomb by the USA is over. Policies based on that brief monopoly are out of date today. Cold-blooded State Department diplomats cling to the illusion that nothing is changed. Bloodthirsty Pentagon generals, whose only profession is war, revel in the possibilities of wholesale atomic slaughter. But not the American people; inarticulate as they yet are and slow to action. Mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, youths, workers—all want peace. The first step to guarantee it is to outlaw the atom bomb!

IT IS GOOD that the Council for American-Soviet Friendship has called a public mass meeting on the subject at Madison Square Garden next Monday night, Dec. 5. It is a rally for peace. Such rallies have been held over and

over again to "Save the Peace" in Paris, Rome, London, Prague, Moscow and other great European cities.

It is high time Americans began to speak out too. The cold war originated here, with the Marshall Plan as its aid. All over the world people await anxiously to hear some protest from the plain people of America. Silence is construed as agreement with Wall Street's threats to peace and freedom in other countries. Are the American people partners of imperialism in restoring Nazi war power in Germany? Are the American people partners in starving the people of India into an anti-Chinese pact? Are the American people partners in shooting down Greek women for shielding their partisan countrymen? Not consciously or willingly, but through misinformation, lies and slander about other people.

Americans have not always seen the issues clearly and spoken their protest. That's why it's important to bring the facts to the American people, because they do want peace.

They will soon realize more clearly who and what menaces the peace of the world, when they get the facts.

When they get the answer they'll find the same capitalist class with its present plan to control the resources and industries of the world is responsible for the troubles here at home—growing unemployment; high cost of living; a Taft-Hartley slave law, violence against Negroes. The destruction of the rights of the people here is a necessary prelude to war abroad. The mass meeting on Monday night will climax a three-day Eastern Seaboard People's Congress for Peace.

stimulate popular discussion and debate in farmer, church, trade union, and other organizations where people gather together. Take atomic power out of the hands of warmongers and profiteers and it can be an instrument of tremendous progress and happiness. Let us learn all the facts and bring them to the people.

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Tomorrow Manhattan

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## MINERS GO ON 3-DAY WEEK

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is expected to average about 8,000,000 tons a week, compared with the country's weekly consumption of about 11,500,000 tons. The miners will average about \$45.00 weekly for the three days work.

Avoidance of a Taft-Hartley injunction appeared to be another consideration in Lewis' strategy. While the President, vacationing in Miami, was reported as still not ready to swing the Taft-Hartley stick, he had expressed his determination to apply the injunctive procedure when an "emergency" was reached.

The operators have been standing pat on their position not to negotiate because they'd rather do so under the injunction the President promised to invoke.

If the operators still stick it out for an injunction and the union fails to break through their solid front, the 80-day "cooloff" may still be invoked at a later stage. But the union's strategists apparently believe that, with practically no coal on top, the union would be in a better position to force a settlement by turning the "cooloff" into a "warmup."

There was very little from Lewis or his associates to explain the union's strategy. Handing the short resolution of the policy committee to newsmen, Lewis said it is "fully explanatory and will not be amplified."

The UMWA's top men had the country guessing until the very announcement. The complete mine walkout after midnight was taken as a sure sign that a full strike is the union's line. The operators, too, were apparently taken off base because most of them were prepared to capitalize upon an injunction.

The walkout was another demonstration of the amazing discipline and solidarity in the union. No instructions of any sort were sent out to the fields. The only instructions were those implied three weeks ago when the union ordered resumption of work "until Nov. 30."

The first reaction of the coal

operators was fury against the union's new move. John D. Battle, executive vice-president of the National Coal Association, said the three-day tactic was "designed to destroy many coal companies which simply cannot meet operating costs" on such a schedule. He did not say anything of the fact that individual companies have an opportunity to sign a pact with the union.

Lewis recently disclosed that the union's demands for improvement in the welfare fund and cut in work hours would cost the operators only 30-35 cents a ton. This, he said, need not come from a shift of the burden on the consumers because the operators have averaged a dollar clear profit on each ton of coal. He said it could be absorbed from profits.

A meeting today of the mine industry's welfare fund administrators in Washington may have some news for the thousands of aged, incapacitated widowed and orphaned in the mining communities. Payments for them stopped when the flow of funds from 20 cent a ton "royalty" stopped. Only emergency cases of those already in hospitals were financed.

Lewis left for Washington last night. He is expected back in New York Tuesday for negotiations with the anthracite operators who have a separate contract.

## Woods

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mittee to demand a larger appropriation.

Also urged by Blumberg was a change in the painting regulation from the present three years to two years, with yearly paintings for kitchens and bathrooms. Woods deferred the matter to Pendergast, who will meet with Blumberg soon to pursue the matter further.

Blumberg also asked that tenants be permitted to appear at hearings in cases of rent increases. These hearings have been abandoned in the regional and area offices. This was refused by Woods, as well as the request that tenants have access to landlords' books in claims for rent boosts.

Ludwig participated in the discussion of these problems as well as on questions of special Chicago needs.

Blumberg said yesterday that New York City tenants could not be satisfied with Woods' answers to their legitimate requests. The New York City Tenant Council has in the past asked for removal of the housing expediter because of his obvious bias to realty interests.

## Correction

Through a typographical error, the name of Judge Hyman Bushel was incorrectly spelled in yesterday's Daily Worker report on the sentencing of four victims of the police assault on the Benjamin Davis parade.

## Curran

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dent, was elected secretary by 1,493 to 531 for Charles Keith. The vote on the recommendation to suspend the 15 officials from office had not yet been taken at presstime, but indications were that they would be adopted by a similar margin.

As they entered the hall, seamen were compelled to run a gauntlet of Curran muscle men and cops. Some of those who had had their books taken away from them earlier this week were denied admittance. Several hundred Curran machine men, nearly all of them from out of town, had packed the front half of the hall by 6 p. m. The meeting did not start till 7:50.

### STEAMROLLER BEGINS

When Curran took the chair, a seaman sought to raise a point of order. He had hardly got the first words out of his mouth when Curran ordered him to his seat. One of Curran's masters-at-arms cuddled him all the way back to his chair while the cops looked on.

Curran's trial committee reported on the basis of so-called authorization granted by the general membership meeting two weeks ago. Curran, however, had lost that meeting by at least five to one.

It was understood the "suspended" port officials would take legal action on the basis of the previous meeting.

State Supreme Court Justice Dennis Cohan earlier yesterday had ordered that the count be taken by the Honest Ballot Association, though reserving decision on an application to restrain Curran from interfering with the 15 elected officials, whom he has declared removed from office.

Cohan made no move to order Curran to grant the right to vote at last night's meeting to the seamen whose books have been seized by Curran's goons.

Instead, Cohan ordered that the attorneys involved notify each other of the men affected by the book seizure, pending a ruling from Cohan on their "right to vote."

Cohan, who attacked rank and file seamen present in the courtroom yesterday, then ordered that Warner, Curran's stooge, be chairman of last night's meeting. This move was not challenged by Drummond's attorney Healy.

Cohan barred rank and file seamen from acting as watchers at the doors of last night's meeting.

### BEAT SEAMAN

Another rank and file seaman, Donald Hamilton, was beaten near the NMU hall yesterday morning by cops after Hamilton, allegedly, did not walk fast enough when told to move on.

Hamilton was dragged into a nearby bar and then into the building of the Catholic Youth Organization, temporary police command post on 17 St. He was later booked on charges of disorderly conduct and released on \$250 bail.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 1.—Acting Agent Webb of the NMU, substituting for Joseph Dunn, who was in New York to help Joe Curran, was routed by the rank and file when he tried to steamroller the regular membership meeting here Monday.

The stooge had been nominated by Webb for chairman. An honest rank and file was elected chairman. When Webb and his clique of gun-toting goons prevented the membership from discussing the charges against Curran and Stone and the police interference on behalf of Curran in New York, the rank and file broke out into a roar of protest.

## Balk Soviet Plan

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tive at the conference called here to form a reactionary world labor organization, declared today that "American trade unions" are not "a branch of the State Department."

Reuther evidently felt it was necessary to issue a denial of what everyone in Europe knows to be a fact—that the new labor international is a State Department creation.

Reuther said he agreed with William Green, AFL head, that American trusts had not used the Marshall Plan to obtain economic control of Western Europe.

Earlier, Green had declared, "The American working man is giving \$150 a year toward Marshall Plan aid." The \$150 a year is presumably the tax burden imposed by the Marshall Plan.

Irving Brown, one of the U. S. State Department's AFL agents in Europe, urged "industrialization" of "backward" areas (Truman's Point Four for capitalist investments abroad) to "fight Communism."

## Garden Rally

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son: Elmer A. Benson; Muriel Draper; Charles P. Howard; O. John Rogge; Howard Fast; John Howard Lawson; Rev. William Howard Melish and Dr. John A. Kingsbury.

Tickets for the Garden rally are priced from \$.60 to \$2.40 and are available at the Jefferson School Bookshop; Worker's Bookshop; Bookfair; Local 65 Bookshop; Fraternal Mimeo Service, 80 Fifth Ave., and from Council offices, 114 E. 32 St.

## Force Chicago Mayor to Pledge Action on Mobs

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. — Mayor Martin Kennelly has been finally forced by an unprecedented protest movement to pledge publicly that the "full force of city government" will be used against anti-Negro and anti Jewish mob violence.

Public pressure against the Democratic administration's failure to act against the racist attacks had been building up steadily and came to a climax after the recent week-long mob violence at the home of Aaron Bindman, Jewish war veteran and official of the CIO Warehouse and Distribution Workers Union.

The riotous disorders started after Bindman had invited Negro unionists to his home and quickly became transformed into anti-Jewish demonstrations as well.

An editorial in the Chicago Daily News had charged that police sympathies were on the side of the mobs.

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For the Daily Worker: Previous day at 1; for Monday's issue — Friday at 3 p.m.  
For the weekend Worker: Previous Wednesday at 4 p.m.

## Correction

The statement appearing in the Daily Worker yesterday on page 8 that "under the Constitution, a person found guilty of a felony loses his civil rights, one of which is the right to run for and hold office" should have been attributed to U.S. District Attorney Fay, who made that statement after the Thomas trial ended yesterday. Fay, however, is completely wrong. There is no such provision in the Constitution.

The unveiling of the monument of  
**Isaac 'Buck' Lazar**  
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Sunday, Dec. 4 — 2 P.M.  
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9:00-WOR-Harry Kennedy  
WJZ-Breakfast Club  
WCBS-This Is New York  
WNBC-Masterwork Hour  
9:15-WNBO-Norman Brokenshire  
WOR-Marvin Miller  
9:30-WOR-Food-Alfred M. McCann  
WQXR-Piano Personalities  
9:45-WNBO-Inside the Doctor's Office  
WCBS-Minus Goes A-Shopping  
WQXR-Composers' Varieties  
10:00-WNBO-Welcome Travelers  
WOR-Martha Deane Program  
WJZ-Mr. True Story Show  
WQXR-Morning Melodist  
10:15-WCBS-Arthur Godfrey Show  
10:30-WNBO-Marriage for Two  
WJZ-Betty Crocker Magazine  
WNBC-Music  
10:45-WNBO-Dorothy Dix  
WJZ-Victor H. Lindlahr  
WNBC-UPA Forum  
11:00-WNBO-We Love and Learn  
WOR-News  
WJZ-Modern Romances  
WNBC-OHE Talk  
WQXR-News, Alma Dettinger  
11:15-WNBO-To be announced  
WOR-Tella Test  
11:30-WNBO-Jack Serch  
WOR-Meet the Manjous  
WJZ-Buddy Rogers Show  
WCBS-Grand Slam  
WQXR-Along the Danube  
11:45-WNBO-Lora Lawton  
WCBS-Rosemary  
WQXR-Luncheon Concert

**AFTERNOON**

12:00-WNBO-News Roundup  
WOR-Kate Smith  
WJZ-Houseparty  
WCBS-Wendy Warren  
WQXR-News, Luncheon Concert  
WNBC-Midday Symphony  
12:45-WNBO-Aunt Jenny  
WNBC-Norman Brokenshire  
12:50-WOR-News  
WJZ-News, Herb Sheldon  
WCBS-Melba Trent  
1:15-WNBO-Our Gal Sunday  
WOR-Luncheon at Sardi's  
1:00-WNBO-Mary Margaret McBride  
WJZ-Backstage Talking  
WCBS-Big Sister  
WNBC-Chamber Music Time  
WQXR-News, Midday Symphony  
1:15-WJZ-Nancy Craig  
WCBS-Mia Furlini  
1:30-WCBS-Young Dr. Malone  
WOR-Hollywood Theatre  
1:45-WCBS-Guiding Light  
2:00-WNBO-Double or Nothing  
WOR-Second Homeymoon  
WJZ-Breakfast in Hollywood  
WNBC-Student Opinion  
WCBS-Second Mrs. Burton  
WQXR-News, Record Review  
2:15-WCBS-Perry Mason  
2:30-WNBO-Today's Children  
WOR-Queen for a Day  
WCBS-Nora Drake  
WJZ-Bride and Groom  
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30  
2:45-WNBO-Light of Words  
WCBS-The Brighter Day  
WQXR-Home Music Quiz  
3:00-WNBO-Life Can Be Beautiful  
WOR-Answer Man  
WJZ-Talk Your Way Out  
WCBS-David Baran  
WQXR-Symphonic Matinee  
3:15-WNBO-Road of Life  
WCBS-Fillips House  
3:30-WNBO-Pepper Young  
WOR-Happens Exchange  
WJZ-Letter Be Sealed  
WCBS-Gary Moore Show  
3:45-WNBO-Night to Happiness  
4:00-WNBO-Backstage Wife  
WOR-Barbara Welles  
WJZ-Galen Drake  
WNBC-Disk Date  
4:15-WNBO-Stella Dallas  
4:30-WNBO-Lorenzo Jones  
WOR-Prince Charming Show  
WCBS-News, Music  
WJZ-Melody Promenade  
4:45-WNBO-Young Widder Brown  
5:00-WNBO-When a Girl Marries  
WOR-B-Bar-B-Ranch  
WJZ-The Yukon, Sketch  
WCBS-Galen Drake  
WQXR-News, Today in Music  
WNBC-Sunset Serenade  
5:15-WNBO-Portia Faces Life  
WQXR-Record Review  
5:30-WNBO-Just Plain Bill  
WOR-Tom Mix, Sketch

**RADIO HIGHLIGHTS**  
Friday, December 2

**PM**

8:00-Henry Morgan show.  
WNBC.

8:30-Juilliard Concert. WNYC.

9:00-Ozzie and Harriet. WJZ.

9:30-Jimmy Durante show.  
WNBC.

9:30-Meet the Press. WOR.

10:00-Screen Directors Playhouse.  
WNBC.

10:30-Capitol Cloak Room.  
WCBS.

**TV**

9:00-Theatre Hour. WCBS.

10:00-People's Platform. WCBS.

10:00-Boxing: La Starza-Brien.  
WNBT.

10:30-Capitol Cloak Room.  
WCBS.

WJZ-Sky King, Sketch  
WCBS-Hits and Misses  
WQXR-Temple Emanuel  
8:45-WNBO-Front Page Farrell

**EVENING**

6:00-WNBO-Kenneth Bannhart  
WOR-Lyle Van  
WJZ-Joe Hazel  
WCBS-Eric Sevareid, News  
WQXR-News: Music to Remember  
6:15-WNBO-Sports, Comment  
WOR-On the Century  
WJZ-Allen Prescott  
WCBS-You and Adventure  
6:30-WNBO-Wayne Howell Show  
WOR-News Reports  
WCBS-Curt Massey  
WNYC-Sports  
WQXR-Dinner Concert  
8:45-WNBO-Three Star Extra  
WJZ-Johnny Thompson Show  
WOR-Stan Lomax  
WNYC-Weather, News  
7:00-WNBO-Sinatra, Songs  
WJZ-Headline Edition  
WCBS-DeLash Show  
WNYC-Masterwork Hour  
WQXR-News, Keyboard Artists  
7:15-WNBO-News of the World  
WQXR-On Stage  
WOR-Answer Man  
WJZ-News  
7:30-WNBO-Reading for Pleasure  
WOR-Gabriel Heatter  
WCBS-Club 15-Variety  
WJZ-Lons Ranger  
WQXR-Jacques Fray  
7:45-WNBO-H. V. Kallenborn  
WOR-I Love a Mystery  
WCBS-Edward Marrows  
8:00-WNBO-Henry Morgan Show  
WJZ-Pat Man  
WOR-Mike Sharpe, Sketch  
WCBS-The Goldbergs, Play  
WQXR-News: Symphony Set  
8:30-WNBO-We the People  
WOR-International Airport  
WJZ-FBI, Sketch  
WNBC-Juilliard Concert  
WCBS-Mr. Favorite Schubert  
9:00-WNBO-Life of Henry, Comedy  
WJZ-Ozzie and Harriet  
WOR-Box 13, Sketch  
WCBS-Jean Davis  
WQXR-News, Concert Hall  
9:30-WOR-Meet the Press  
WJZ-The Sheriff  
WNBC-Jimmy Durante  
WQXR-Let's Celebrate  
WCBS-Young Love, Sketch  
9:45-WQXR-Grand Names  
10:00-WNBO-Screen Directors Playhouse  
WJZ-Boxing Bout  
WCBS-Pursuit, Sketch  
WQXR-News: Rights in Little America  
10:30-WNBO-Sports  
WJZ-Symphonette  
WJZ-Sports Page  
WQXR-Melodies of Old Vienna  
WCBS-Capitol Cloak

## 300 Years of 'Great Reporting' Chronicled in New Anthology

By Robert Friedman

"Literature under pressure" is the publisher's apt description of the contents of A Treasury of Great Reporting. For this anthology contains chronicles of great

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events over a span of three centuries which were written by men who swiftly set down on paper what they themselves had witnessed.

Here are Victor Hugo on Napoleon the Little's December 4th Massacre; John Reed on the October Revolution; William Cobbett on the Luddite revolt against technological unemployment; Marx and Engels on a British workers' rally in support of the North in the American Civil War; Jack London on the San Francisco fire; John Brown in an interview with a New York Herald reporter after his capture; Mark Twain, in a facetious account of the Shah of Persia's trip to Britain; Ilya Ehrenburg on the Nazi retreat; Heywood Brown on the mighty Babe Ruth in the World Series of 1923... and many, many more.

As can readily be appreciated, A Treasury of Great Reporting includes many fine and important pieces, while, at the same time, it does a creditable over-all job of indicating the development of reporting.

The editors, it must be noted,

have made their obsequies to the gods of the cold war and to placate anybody who might turn apoplectic at the inclusion of Marx, Engels, Ehrenburg, Reed and the like. The inanities of John Steinbeck and the hostile pomposities of Brooks Atkinson have been chosen to represent American comment on the Soviet Union. Also, the editors employ the hardly-unique device of quoting that pet "socialist," Norman Thomas when a radical viewpoint required expression. Akin to this diffidence about letting the true left viewpoint have its airing is the choice of the Times piece by Louis Stark

on Sacco and Vanzetti. And the General Motors sitdown strikes of 1936-37 are immortalized here by Stark and Russell B. Porter, whose anti-labor bias, so revoltingly demonstrated in his coverage of the recent Foley Square trial, was firmly-rooted a decade ago. The anthology's editors would have done considerably better by their readers, and the truth, had they selected some stories by the Daily Worker's George Morris on the sitdown strikes and by the Daily Worker's Mike Gold and Art Shields on Sacco and Vanzetti's legal murder.

### 'The Threat' at the Palace

By Jose Iglesias

THE THREAT, yesterday's new movie at the Palace, is another of those melodramas of violence which have been hitting Broadway with monotonous regularity. Again the story of a criminal escaped from jail and headed for death, these dramas of brief and violent careers are now rigid and familiar enough to take on the appearance of a Hollywood ritual. Though law and order triumph and the sinner pays, these movies are really worshipful paeans to the gods of brutality and the kick in the groin.

These dramas have now developed a formal esthetics, rules that are the reverse, almost, of Aristotle's for tragedy. They take a hero of very little stature; one mean, inhuman gang leader named Kluger. Not of nobility of character marred by a single flaw but

a man who is nothing but flaws. Aristotle's action of "a certain magnitude" is here Kluger's attempt to slug and shoot his way to Mexico carrying along with him a district attorney and police detective who had originally put him in jail. The esthetics of these Hollywood rituals is interested in revealing only one thing: how often can the hero escape the police furies, brakes screech, punches he swiped, bullets shot and emotions shocked.

How often can these things happen before the hero comes to a bad end—the only place where The Threat and Oedipus meet. In the standards of these melodramas The Threat is somewhere near the top though not the ultimate. There's enough, however, for it to be unconvincing, leaving one not "purged of pity and fear" but simply drained and dulled.

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**THE AFFAIR BLIND.** A German film about an attempted frame-up which is particularly relevant today. Manhattan-Worla.

**HAMLET.** The widely praised Laurence Olivier version of the Shakespeare play. Manhattan-Park Avenue Theater.

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**OPEN CITY.** Rescued the film of the Italian underground resistance. Manhattan-Apollo.

**THE LAST STOP.** The fine Polish film about the women's section of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Brooklyn-Aster, Vogue; Manhattan-City.

**GRAND ILLUSION.** A revival of Renoir's fine anti-war film. Manhattan-Irving Place.

**HANGERS ALSO DIE.** ASP Film Division revival of one of the best anti-Nazi movies. Manhattan-Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; 111 W. 49th St.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; 15 Astor Place.

**Good**

**DEVIL IN THE FLESH.** A tragic story of two young lovers incapable of escaping the snare of bourgeois conventions in which they're caught. Manhattan-Paris Theater.

**ALL THE KING'S MEN.** Shallow and inconclusive, but Rosen's direction makes this story of a Huey Long exciting to watch. Manhattan-Victoria.

**END SPOES.** Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan-Rifco.

**QUINTEXT.** Four polished and witty stories of Somerset Maugham cleverly told. Manhattan-Broadway Embassy

**ALWAYS LEAVE THEM LAUGHING.** Milton Berle crowds out the screen with his acts, sometimes funny, sometimes flat. Manhattan-Grand.

**THE GREAT LOVER.** Bob Hope entangled with a card-sharp murderer and a bunch of young "boy firestormers" who keep a strict watch on his morals. Manhattan-Paradise.

**MAJOR BARRABA.** A revival of the famous Shaw film version of the play, plus a charming French art short "1946." Manhattan-Art.

**INVEIGLER IN THE DESERT.** Shallow and distorted as a picture of the Negro in the South, but Juan Hernandez's portrayal may make it worth your while. Manhattan-Mayfair.

**Skip**

**TOKYO JOE.** Bogart says Japanese fascists and Communists are in cahoots.

**SEE WERE A YELLOW RIBBON.** The worst of Westerns distorting the history of the Indian nations and promoting Indian chauvinism.



## Hollywood:

## Poverty Is Now a Subversive Word

By David Platt

THE NATIONAL Film Board of Canada has been deprived of the right to produce or process armed service films until its personnel has been screened for possible disloyalty. Seems someone high up in the government discovered that the Film Board produced a favorable film on the USSR during the war. . . .

IN HOLLYWOOD the cold war hysteria recently expressed itself in an extreme form on one major lot when an order from the front office went out to writers to refrain from using 'subversive' words like 'poverty' and 'wealth' in scripts. . . .



BOX OFFICE admissions in France dropped from 90 million tickets in the last quarter of 1946 to 11 million in the third quarter of 1949. In publishing these figures the French Film Association points out that the reasons for the catastrophic decline are (first) lack of money and (second) the flood of American films. The report gives expression to the belief that attendance would grow if French studios could produce quality films unhampered by Hollywood dumping. . . .

A GREAT—and I mean truly great—Soviet film is scheduled for the Stanley Theatre around Xmas time. It's *The Young Guard*, directed by Sergei Gerasimov from the Alexander Fadeyev novel of the same name, scored by Dmitri Shostakovich. All previous films on the anti-fascist war pale before it.

SELZNICK is whipping Edward Everett Hale's *Man Without a Country* into a movie. . . . It looks like the N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony (104 musicians) will be part of the Roxy stage show some time in 1950. The deal is being negotiated by Spyros Skouras, who besides being head of 20th Century Fox which controls the Roxy, is a member of the Philharmonic's Board of Directors. . . . Cecil De Mille set up a private showing of his new biblical film *Samson and Delilah* a few days ago for President Truman, cabinet members, senators and representatives and assorted relatives. . . . Tony Zale, ex-middleweight champ is technical advisor on Eagle Lion's *Golden Gloves Story* currently in production in Chicago. . . .

THREE EXCELLENT FILM PROGRAMS: 1) Tonight (Friday, 7:30 and 9:30) in main ballroom of Cornish Arms Hotel, the Science and Technology Division of the N. Y. Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (ASP) will present the first full-length documentary film on Atomic Physics. Produced in England, the picture goes into the history, development and social implications of Atomic Energy, explains the various stages by which our present views on the nature of matter and the structure of the atom have been reached. It's for interested laymen as well as students of science. 2) The first and only N. Y. showing (this year) of the East German people's film *Grube Morgenrot* (Dawn of a Mine) takes place tonight (Friday) at 10:30 at the Stanley Theatre under the auspices of the progressive German American Magazine. English synopsis will be provided for those who do not understand German. (3) This Saturday and Sunday night the Film Division of ASP will revive one of the very best of Hollywood's anti-Nazi films, *Hangmen Also Die*, directed by Fritz Lang from a screenplay by John Wexley. Saturday night's showing is at Marzani's, 111 W. 88 St.—three performances starting at 8:30. Sunday night's at the Panel Room, 18 Astor Pl.—three performances starting at 6 p. m.

WORTH REPEATING: "All we ask is that the Negro be portrayed as a normal person. Let's see the Negro as a worker at union meetings, as a voter at the polls, as a civil service worker or elected official." (Lena Horne in *FM*, July 8, 1943.)

## Around the Dial:

## Song Lyrics Psychoanalyzed on New 'Rhyme and Reason' Show

By Bob Lauter

AT TEN on Monday nights, WNEW is offering a new show, *Rhyme and Reason*, which consists of what the station calls "Tintanalysis." First a popular record is played and the audience is asked to listen carefully to the words. Then a psychoanalyst, Dr. Nandor Podor, treats the lyrics as though they were the symptoms of a patient. In each case, the "patient" is the singer.

THE FIRST record played was, "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." When it ended, Dr. Podor took the microphone to give us his grim tidings. The singer, he said, is self-centered and lovesick. Love-sickness itself always contains more than a bit of morbidity.

And what did the singer mean by suggesting that his successor in his lady's affections "telling lies" as per the lyrics? Did this not indicate that the singer was

probably something of a liar himself?

We're not through with this poor singer yet. He is narcissistic, and is probably more in love with himself than with the lady to whom he sings. But the bum over-rates himself. Furthermore, he is wallowing in self-pity.

THAT JUST about takes care of "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." Better make sure that no one ever catches you listening to that song!

NEXT CAME a disc version of "Daddy."

## On Stage:

## Freedom Theatre Well Received

By Barnard Rubin

CAMP UNITY's interracial Freedom Theatre is now open for business and its first program on a little stage at the old Graphic Workshop Studio downtown was warmly received by an appreciative audience the night I attended. There's a wealth of talent in the outfit and its members go at their work with the gusto and vitality natural to those who believe in their theatre's cause—the utilization of the art against Jimcrow, for peace and abundance.

Freedom Theater's productions now on view, *Fighters for Freedom* and *Futurama*, both by Carl Abrams, make extensive use of songs with skillfully appropriate music in *Futurama* by Elmer Bernstein and Bob DeCormier.

FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM is a dramatic narration of the his-

tory of the Negro people's fight for their freedom. The story is written with eloquence by Abrams and narrated with sincerity and pleasing voice and diction by Ferman Phillips, a young Negro actor who has plenty on the ball. The narration is supplemented by songs of and about the great fight; quotations from Nat Turner, Lincoln, Harriet Tubman and others, and is illustrated by pantomime shadows (actors moving silhouetted behind a screen curtain).

German theatre people (before Hitler) had a phrase to characterize some types of epic productions—"learning plays," which nicely fits efforts like *Fighters for Freedom*. If most Americans could see this simple show they'd learn much they need to know and learn it pleasantly.

*Futurama*, the second half of the bill, is an enjoyable little mu-

sical complete with ensemble, plot, boy-and-girl stuff with social significance attractively played by Bob DeCormier and Bobby Tuschner; plenty of laughs; a powerful song on conditions in New York's Negro ghetto sung with magnificent, angry poignancy by Laura Duncan; a hilarious skit on what Universal Military Training can do to a normal boy, in which Herb Sufrin and Ferman Phillips cut some fine comic capers; and lots more. The plot? Telling you might spoil the fun awaiting you at Freedom Theatre. Weak points? Some—but nothing basic and nothing which a larger stage and income can't cure.

FREEDOM THEATRE is a welcome newcomer to progressive theatre and Camp Unity deserves a big hand for having made its appearance possible.

## Jeff Workshop Theatre's 'Awake and Sing'

## Terrific Job on Odets Play

A FEW YEARS AGO I bent the knee publicly to Al Saxe for his direction of a *Waiting for Lefty* production. I shouldn't have bothered dusting off my trousers (I still wear the same suit) as I'm repeating the obeisance today for Saxe's magnificent work on the Jefferson School's Theatre Workshop production of Clifford Odets' fine play *Awake and Sing*.

Here is an example of memorable ensemble acting that Saxe at his best can so well inspire. The Jeff actors' performing without most of the illusion aids of the Broadway theatre—stage, proscenium, elaborate lighting and sets, curtain, etc.—simply busts out all over with compelling sincerity, genuine efforts at true motivations and deeply felt emotional relationships.

When these riches are poured into as receptive a vessel as *Awake and Sing*, the fact that some of the cast may not as yet know all the tricks of the actor's craft becomes relatively unimportant—more, I would say that the Jeff School group makes most of the Broadway slick chick casts look sick, pale and anemic beside its own vigorous, full-blooded miming. Why not? *Awake and Sing* is good rich food, the kind actors rarely get a chance to feed on these days on Broad-

way, and Al Saxe's loving cooking makes it easily digestible.

ODETS' PLAY after 14 years (when I first saw it the old Group Theatre was going to town with it) is still exciting; still wonderfully realistic about its depression-tortured Bronx family; still shot through with Odets' singular lyricism, still glowingly affirmative; still urging us, as Isaiah did, to "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust," when so many playwrights are telling us what there's no hope and that we'll dwell in dust eternally.

There's a vitality, a healthiness about Odets that makes the playwrights who've excited Broadway in the last few years with their Big Bold Whimper look positively emaciated.

AWAKE AND SING has its faults of course: the use of the lovers' escape is a poor instrument (although not the only instrument) to express affirmation; as a matter of fact the use of the lovers' thwarted (she's married and has a kid), intense sex attraction didn't in my opinion, express much of anything beyond itself, although Odets, it seemed, certainly wanted it to. And, occasionally, his lyricism is marred by a few falsetto notes. But my space is running out—and I've by no means touched on all the positive qualities either. This by no means pretends to be any sort of analysis of *Awake and Sing*. However, I'll take my stand on this: there is no better modern American play on Broadway right now than this 14 year-old work of Odets.

The actors who work so well together at the Jeff School are Ed London, Sydney Pollner, Marion Valen, Yale Forman, Doris Lawton, Arnie Mercer, Stanley Swerlow, Sam Herzog and Mortie Schwartz. The stage manager is Angela Traeger assisted by Rose Osten, and Paul and Charles Casey.

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(Note: A dropped line and careless proof-reading on my part may have made unclear a paragraph in yesterday's review of Ted Pollock's exciting play *Wedding in Japan*. What was meant in that paragraph was that it is the Negro people themselves, aided by sincere whites, who are leading the struggle for Negro rights. That too many sincerely intentioned works leave the impression that high-minded whites are leading the struggle—with the Negro people, if at all, only aiding it. A plea, in other words, for plays, novels, etc. to present the reality of the situation by showing Negroes as the leaders, the protagonists in that struggle.) —B. R.

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## 49ERS TO PLAY, BUT RESENTMENT IS HIGH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Resentment still smoldering, a grim bunch of San Francisco 49ers turned out for practice at Menlo Park today after calling off their threatened strike for a payroll piece of the playoff game here with the New York Yankees Sunday.

### LaStarza 8-5 Pick Over Brion Tonite

In an attractive battle of young heavyweight prospects, Roland LaStarza puts his unbeaten string of 36 straight wins to the test against potent punching Cesar Brion at Madison Square Garden tonight.

The 10-rounder between the 22-year-olds is expected to draw a good crowd of 12,000 into the 49 St. Salon of Swat. LaStarza rules an 8-5 choice because of his superior boxing skill and short sharp punching. But Brion's roots are many, especially in view of the Argentinian's right-hand power. LaStarza, well built former CCNY physical education student, has racked up a perfect record since turning pro in 1947. His 36 straight is the best opening string on record for any young heavyweight past or present. Roland is an improving fighter, too, a careful marksman with both hands and a studious boxer. His one bad habit is allowing himself to be sucked into an exchange during which he usually invites a shot to the whiskers.

Brion, owner of a .500 batting average insofar as knockouts are concerned, is no guy to give a potshot to. He hits quickly and with sudden death when given the opening. He showed that in belting out Bernie Reynolds. LaStarza has a fine knockout record too, with 17 of his 36 wins coming via the short route.

### Columbia Team Foils Jimcrow

Rather than submit two Negro members of the team to be discriminated against, Columbia University's fencing team has withdrawn from the Amateur Fencers League of America.

The step followed a request from the AFLA's metropolitan bout committee for Columbia to exempt the Negro fencers from competing last Nov. 20 at the New York Athletic Club.

The NYAC has had a rather dirty background insofar as its policy toward Negro and Jewish American athletes are concerned.

### Height, Depth Makes Jaspers Formidable

(Another of the series estimating the personnel of the local college teams.)

Manhattan's bright cage hopes received a setback when key man Jack Byrnes, classy 6-5 feeder, broke his leg during the summer at one of the Catskill resorts. He's working back into shape but won't be fully ready for a while. However, Kenny Norton's uptown crew, which opens in the Garden vs. strong Siena tomorrow night, isn't exactly hurting either for height or talent.

The Green has two developing stringbeans in 6-5 Joyce and 6-7 Jennerick, who have improved over

### COURT NOTES...

CCNY's probably starting lineup in the Garden debut tomorrow night against Lafayette will include veterans Irv Dambrot and Mike Wittlin with sophs Roman, Warner and Roth. If Holman goes for the platoons, the second group will then include vets Galiber and Mager along with transfer Whitey Levey and sophs Layne and Cohen. Warner is displaying such tremendous scoring punch and backboard ability that he's moved to the fore in any scheme. . . . Siena, which meets Manhattan in the other game, is bringing 1400 students and a band. The school is located in Loudenville, outside Albany, and had a very good team last year. A star Negro sophomore of 6-2, Harrell, who hails from Troy, is reported one of the state's top all round athletes, a major league baseball prospect, football star, and one who can take rebounds away from men five inches taller.

St. Johns continued its preparatory work against pushovers Wednesday night, belting Pratt 73-36 and exercising the entire squad. Big Zawoluk was high again with 16. . . . Brooklyn College also made it four straight, beating Brooklyn Poly 53-46. Al Goodlerner led the veteran ensemble with 15.

In the pro loop, the Knicks were stopped in Minneapolis 102-92 after seven straight. Mikan, of course, with 28. The Lakers have some good rookies in Slater Martin of Texas, who scored 12, Vern Mikkelsen of Hamline, Bob Harrison of Michigan, all three helping Wednesday night. . . . Syracuse is still the runaway all round leader of the NBA with 13-1. Chicago leads the Central Division and Anderson the Western.

last year. They will go along with veteran popshot Poppe and junior Schwarz, who was a good soph last season. Currently first string is the greatly improved Igoc, a 6-4 southpaw, who learned a lot in the resorts. Touted best of the strong soph crop is Regis King, a 6-4 all round player who was tremendous with the freshman. Fighting for places are five more sophs, Loprete, Fields, Garvey, Cullen and Hunkele, the first two rating varsity stature.

With very good overall height the club is expected to do better than last year's 18-8 record. —L.R.

The Frisco player strike was planned yesterday after the 49er management turned down a \$500 per man request made by player spokesmen Len Eshmont and Norm Standlee on behalf of the team. The ball players receive absolutely nothing out of Sunday's playoff round.

After Frisco owner Anthony Morabito turned a cold ear to his players' simple demands, the players issued a statement last night announcing their intention of going through with the game out of "obligation . . . to the fans who have supported us so loyally."

But the players made quite clear their conviction the pay demand was a legitimate request. "We still feel our principle involved in requesting remuneration for Sunday's game was most fair and sound, since all of us were under the impression at the time we signed our 1949 contracts that compensation for this game would be forthcoming."

Eshmont and Standlee, at this morning's practice declared. "We just thought we were entitled to extra money for playing games beyond the schedule, and we asked for it." The All-America Conference rules, loaded in favor of the clubowners, do not allow payment of any money for post season playoffs, but 75 percent of the final playoff game receipts is split on a 60-40 basis between the players of the winning and runnerup team, with another 10 percent share going to the third place club.

But it's the business of playing Sunday's game for nothing while a crowd of 80,000 is expected to bring another \$80,000 into the owners' till, is what precipitated the near strike and what still rankled many of the players returning to practice today.

"We thought we should get a share of it," one player who refused to be identified, said. "We wouldn't mind donating our services to a charity, but we aren't anxious to line the pockets of Tony Morabito or Dan Topping (co-owner of the Yankees) and us get nothing in return."

Another 49er pointed out that the club as a whole is the lowest salaried in the whole league despite the fact that the 49ers have one of the best attendance records in professional football. There are many Frisco players who earn as little as \$4,500 per season.

The management of course prefers to make a big splash about the one or two Frankie Alberts who earn big money. But fact is, the 49er front office have signed very few of the high-priced college stars.

Another player factor is the reduced All-America Conference schedule this season, which has brought in its wake a policy of reduced salaries.

### Indians Drop O'Neill, McKechnie as Coaches

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 1 (UP).—Bill McKechnie, reportedly the highest paid coach in baseball, and Steven O'Neill will not be rehired as coaches of the Cleveland Indians next year, the new management announced today.

The Indians did not name successors to the two veteran baseball men. McKechnie, reportedly earned more than \$40,000 from the Tribe last year under a bonus clause.

## In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo



### Talking Union

ONCE UPON A TIME to advance the perspective of professional athletes talking union was to invite the loudest horse laugh of all. But the millionaire sports moguls aren't laughing now. They're beginning to worry just a little bit. Just as the newspaper publishers and motion picture bosses began to have some panicky doubts about the "untouchability" of their industries when those workers began wising up and hitting back.

You see, what happened out at San Francisco the other day was of terrific importance. The biggest sports story of the year. For the first time in the history of professional football, ballplayers were threatening to strike, to walk out on a crucial playoff game unless they received some compensation for playing in a game richly remunerative to the clubowners but not worth an offside tackle to the athletes themselves.

That the Frisco 49ers later decided to forego the strike and go through with the All-America Conference playoff against the Yanks Sunday, is not the most important thing emerging out of this most important situation. For one thing, the players were not meekly yielding to the play-or-ultimatum of clubowner Anthony Morabito. "We still feel our principle involved in requesting remuneration for Sunday's game was most fair and sound. . . ."

Secondly, the athletes had some confused, although admirably so, notions about not wanting to let the fans down. "It is the unanimous decision of the 49er football team that our first and most important obligation is to the fans who have supported us so loyally." I think if the folk of Frisco, a strong union town, could have quickly and dramatically conveyed their support for the \$500-per-man demands of the 49ers, the players would have learned there are things more important to football enthusiasts than the score of the game. And the Frisco pros might have been duly encouraged by such a sign of solidarity and held out for their demands.

THERE IS NO QUESTION about the legitimacy of the 49ers' beef. They are going to play the Yankees for nothing Sunday at Kezar Stadium, while the Cleveland Browns and Buffalo Bills meet elsewhere to determine the final championship candidates. Then, the following week, the two winners of this Sunday's games clash in the title tilt. It is ONLY from that final game the four teams receive any money. After expenses are deducted from the title game, 70 percent of the gate goes into the players' pool. Out of that, 80 percent will be divided among the two clubs playing the final game, with the winning team getting 60 percent and the losers a 40 percent cut. Of the other 20 percent, the third and fourth place teams will divvy up on a 10 percent apiece basis.

The San Francisco owners are making much out of the above to prove the players DO have a stake in this Sunday's playoff. Well, naturally, in a sense they do. Beating the Yanks would guarantee the 49ers no less than second place money for the final game, and a possible crack at the 60 percent cut if they beat the following week's foe. Not knowing what the gate is going to be two weeks hence for the championship playoff, it is naturally difficult to estimate just what the player share would be out of that game. But figuring on a 60,000 house I don't think I'd be too far off in estimating the Frisco players would probably draw down \$1,200 for second place money, 20 percent more than that for win, and considerably less should they lose to the Yanks Sunday (whom they play for nothing), thus having to settle for the infinitesimal 10 percent cut of the 20 percent pie left for the two bottom finishers. You figure out what that would be.

Yes, so the owners make much of the financial reward player possibilities of the final game, in order to hide the nub of the San Francisco issue. That Frisco's pros (and New York's Yankees and Cleveland Browns and Buffalo Bills) all play the first round playoff for nothing. They get absolutely no cut out of the first-round gate. And how about the owners? Well, at Frisco, alone, a 40,000 crowd and an \$80,000 boxoffice is the minimum expectation of the Frisco owners. Yes, another \$80,000 added to the phenomenally rewarding attendance the spirited play of the 49ers has meant for the front office all season long.

So the Frisco athletes were requesting \$500 per man for Sunday's game. A pittance compared to what the owners will rake in for themselves on the three-game total, taking into consideration the two playoffs this week and the big one the following Sunday.

It's really an amazing setup, eh? The players provide three additionally rich gates for the clubowners in post-season playoffs and draw comparatively minute benefits from only ONE of those games!

DISPENSING WITH the arithmetic of the situation, it's more important to recognize the overall growing union tide among professional athletes. What happened at Frisco comes not out of any vacuum, but two short years after major league baseball players at Pittsburgh came within a vote or so of striking in favor of Robert Murphy's abortive Baseball Guild.

A year or so back, Steve Belloise was trying to talk up a union for fighters. The middleweight veteran rightly pointed to the inequitable cut a manager takes from a fighter's purse. But the fight managers, who were quick to protect themselves with a dubious Guild of sorts to squeeze the promoters, have fought like madmen to prevent a Guild or union of professional prizefighters.

Baseball players, footballers, fighters. They've all begun to make the moves, and a fresh breeze is beginning to blow through pro sports, a breeze that will help take some of the odor out of a commercialized setup which means billions to the promoters and owners and very little for the vast majority of the non-fancily-salaried rank and file. Progressive trade unionists must show these pros the way.

Professional athletes will be talking union louder and louder from here on in. That's the significance of the San Francisco story.